

ROTARY
CLUB OF
ARUBA



1938 - 2013





**WE DEDICATE
THIS BOOK
TO THE
COMMUNITY
OF ARUBA:**

A Community from which our Club originated;

A Community from which we have received strong and continuous support;

A Community for which we have been working for over 75 years;

A Community for the benefit of which we shall continue to be active to the best of our ability



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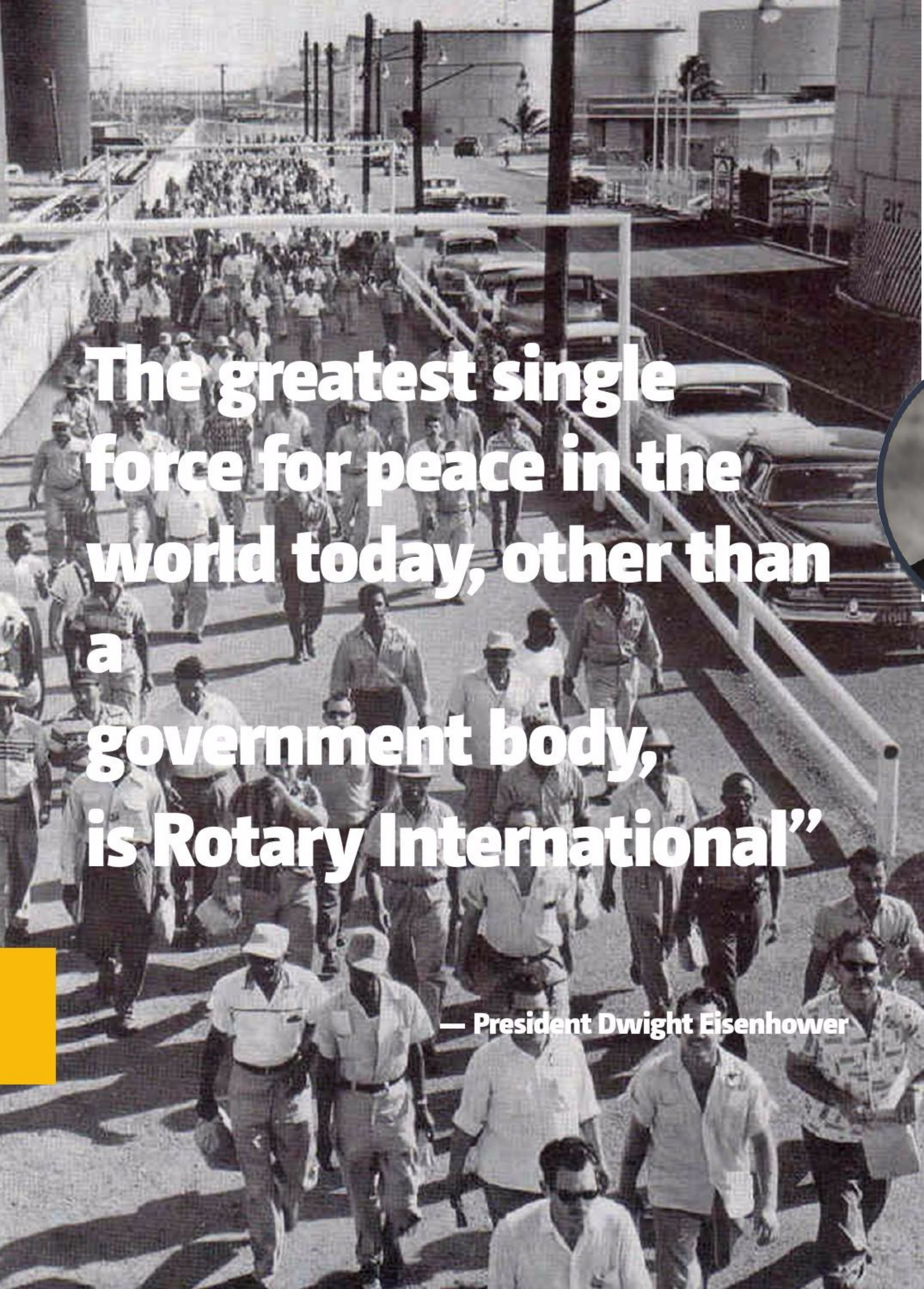
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**The greatest single
force for peace in the
world today, other than
a
government body,
is Rotary International”**

— President Dwight Eisenhower



Foreword

Although the Aruba Rotary Club is primarily an organization that works for the future well-being of the Aruban community and its place in the world, it is important to stand in the present and reflect on how we arrived at this moment.

This book commemorates 75• years of Rotary in Aruba. What started out as a hand full of first Rotarians in 1938, grew into a stable and strong organization of approximately 55 dedicated people.

As with many voluntary organizations, the Aruba Rotary Club was and continues to remain focused on the next step, the next project and the next accomplishment. Such strong forward-focused vision is sometimes accompanied by a lack of documentation of the past. Keeping our historic track record up to date—despite all electronic gadgets developed over the years—has been a challenge. It took a lot of effort to collect and filter through all the data to provide a complete picture of what Rotary has grown to signify in Aruba and also among its 1,2 million members worldwide. Although the Aruba Rotary Club celebrated its 75th year anniversary in August 2014, this publication could not have been completed by that time. It took us over one more year to finalize the present book.

This delay was nevertheless met with great satisfaction, as we were able to include a special event in our last chapter. For our yearly Fiesta Rotaria in 2015, we invited the 2014-2015 Rotary International

President Mr. Gary C. K. Huang to visit Aruba and help celebrate his community vision to Light Up Rotary. The event reflected the President's desire to encourage Rotarians to bring light where there is darkness. Mr. Huang was also able to host a Rotary Community day on Aruba. Concluding our book with an account of this special moment in the 75•-year history of the Aruba Rotary Club deemed it all worth it.

The remaining pages depict the history of Rotary International, the story of the Aruba Rotary Club and of course the Aruban Rotarians: the hardworking men and women of different occupations, business and industries. These individuals dedicate their free time to meet weekly for fellowship, to discuss the daily on-goings occurring in the world and especially on our dushi Aruba. During these 75 years, by means of over 3900 meetings, the Aruba Rotary Club has supported many charity efforts and organizations with the final goal of making Aruba a better place for all in our community through service and better understanding.

We are in great depth to the Aruban community at large to have accepted our endeavors. Finally, our most sincere gratitude is extended to the companies and organizations in Aruba. We truly appreciate your unrelenting support and cooperation.

The 75+-year book editing committee,

Gerardo de Veer jr

Emily Arends

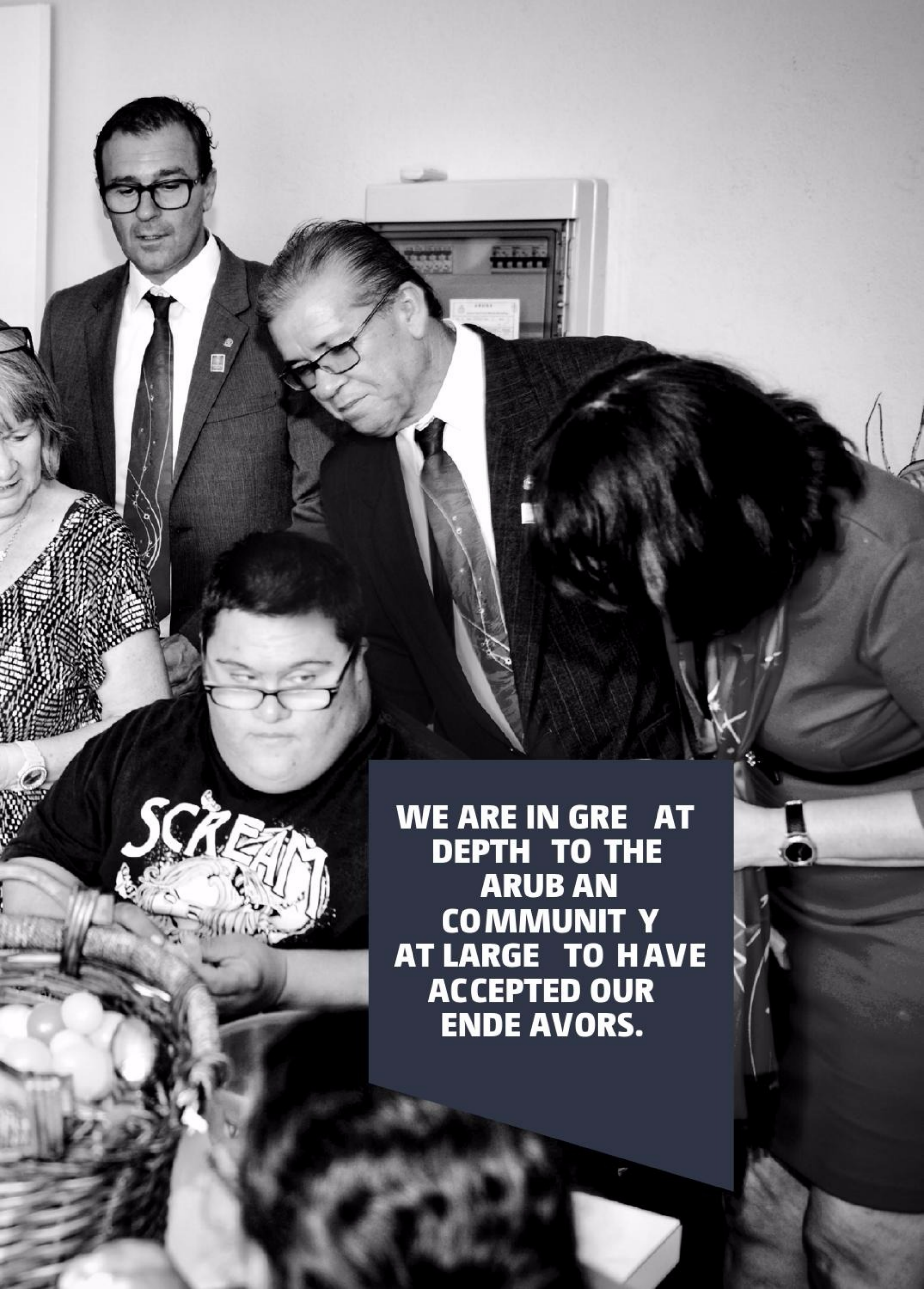
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Bert Kamsteeg.

FOR OUR YEARLY FIESTA ROTARIA IN 2015, WE INVITED THE 2014-2015 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MR. GARY C. K. HUANG TO VISIT ARUBA AND HELP CELEBRATE HIS COMMUNITY VISION TO LIGHT UP ROTARY.





WE ARE IN GREAT DEPTH TO THE ARUBAN COMMUNITY AT LARGE TO HAVE ACCEPTED OUR ENDEAVORS.



REGERING VAN ARUBA

Aan het Bestuur van de
Aruba Rotary Club,
Oranjestad,
Aruba.

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Uw brief:

Ons kenmerk:

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derwerp:

Oranjestad, 30 MEI 1988

Hierbij deel ik u mede, dat de Raad van Ministers naar aanleiding van een mondeling voorstel uwerzijds, in zijn vergadering van 6-5-1988 besloten heeft om -behoudens goedkeuring van de Staten- het gebouw van de vroegere Kibrahacha School aan uw Club in eigendom over te dragen ten behoeve van de Stichting Centro pa nos Grandinan.

Na verkrijging van bedoelde goedkeuring zal u dezerzijds nader worden bericht.

De Minister-President,

Rotary



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29 August 2013

To the members of the Rotary Club of Aruba, Aruba

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Congratulations on the 75th anniversary of the charter of the Rotary Club of Aruba, Aruba. I share your pride in reaching this significant milestone.

Just as every Rotarian is different, so too is every Rotary club. Each club discovers for itself how best to serve its community, and its members. Every club has the opportunity to strengthen its community. Your community has been given a great gift for the past 75 years. Aruba is a better place because of each one of you, as is our world.

Additionally, each club adds its unique character to the Rotary International family. This diversity is part of Rotary's strength, and it is what will keep Rotary vital as we face a rapidly changing future.

I look forward to working with each one of you as we *Engage Rotary—Change Lives*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ron D. Burton".

Ron D. Burton

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January 27, 2014

Distinguished Members of Rotary Club Aruba,

It's been seventy-five years that a group of caring men and women came together to form Rotary Club Aruba, and today on the occasion of your 75th Anniversary, the people of Aruba and I want to congratulate and celebrate your achievements with you.

Our island has been blessed by having committed Rotary Club neighbors, friends and community leaders who have come together over a span of seventy-five years to create positive and lasting change in our communities. Every community has its challenges, yet with passion and perseverance, the Club has worked tirelessly to find unique ways to overcome the concerns. The service to our communities and dedicated loyalty of the many Rotary Club Members over the years is supreme.

In an era when countries globally are looking for sustainable ways of advancing their country's product, organizations like the Club become a valuable partner to the cause. When the original founder of Rotary, Mr. Paul P. Harris, was quoted as saying; "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves," he didn't know that on a small-island-nation the Club would take that challenge to the next level. Today, Rotary Club Aruba is able to boast many successful contributions to, and achievements throughout our communities.

As you celebrate this landmark anniversary, celebrate together the friendships you have fostered, the leadership you have established and the vulnerable groups you have served over the last seventy-five years. Be proud to call yourselves Members of the Club.

I am proud to say that on several occasion I had the opportunity during the weekly meeting to share with your members on how best we can serve our country and people.

The people of Aruba salutes and thanks you for sharing your passion for both community service and friendship. Your generous donations, love and devotion for what you do have made Aruba a better place to live for all our citizens.

Rotary Club Aruba's achievements are the results of the combined effort of each Member, and to you and your families I once again extend my sincerest congratulations for a Happy 75th Anniversary.

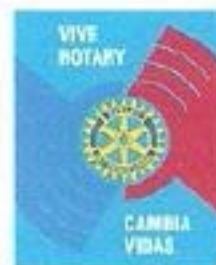
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Eman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michiel G. Eman
Prime Minister



Simón Lucena Hernández
Gobernador de Distrito
Distrito 4370
Venezuela, Aruba, Bonaire y Curacao
Rotary International



Isla Margarita, 01 de Julio de 2013.

Rotary Club Aruba

Aruba

Estimados Compañeros:

Enhorabuena!

Reciban nuestras más sinceras felicitaciones por la Celebración de éstos 75 años de éxitos y logros alcanzados. Seguros estamos que serán muchísimos años más, cumpliendo con el objetivo de Rotary y ayudando a la humanidad, siendo siempre portadores de buenas noticias y embajadores de la Paz.

Vive Rotary, Cambia Vidas!

Rotariamente,

Simón Lucena Hernández

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ROTARY CLUB OF ARUBA

**DISTRICT 4370
Established 1938**

It has been my honor to serve the Rotary Club of Aruba as President during this Anniversary Year, celebrating 75 years since our foundation, back in 1938! There were many occasions to commemorate this remarkable milestone. On August 29, 2013, the official anniversary date, Rotarians and their spouses gathered for a special dinner party at the Renaissance Island. It was a very memorable evening, and marked the beginning of several events to follow. In mid October, we hosted a "Ban Topa" with invitees and Rotarians from the ABC islands; there were several fellowship occasions and a inter-club group meeting, and the eventful weekend ended with the Formal Black Tie Ball and Celebration including a special Guest of Honor, Mr. Gary Huang, President Elect of the Rotary International. We were treated to a delightful evening, and received a heartwarming and inspirational keynote address by the President Elect.

Allow me to take this opportunity to "Thank" all those who have contributed to the Rotary Club of Aruba's illustrious past. From our founding Fathers, to Past Presidents, Board members, Committee members, and all that have played their role in the past seventy-five years! Special thanks to the Community of Aruba who have embraced our Organization and have fueled us to continue to provide for the People of Aruba. We can be proud of all that we have achieved, and I have no doubt that Aruba, and our society in general is in a better place, thanks to the contributions of the Rotary Club of Aruba!

I would also like to extend a word of "Thanks" to all of those that have contributed to this commemorative publication. May it serve to inspire the reader and continue to motivate Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Aruba and around the globe, present and future, to work harder and harder for the betterment of society, in the practice of our motto "Service above Self"!

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Aruba! May the rich history of our past, lead us to a long and fruitful future.

Yours, in Service

Danilo De Freitas
President of the Rotary Club of Aruba 2013-14



GOUVERNEUR VAN ARUBA

The year 2013 will be remembered as a remarkable year in the history of our Kingdom. For the first time in 123 years a King was inaugurated as our monarch, our new head of state and head of the Government of Aruba.

In his inaugural speech during the joint assembly of the Staten-Generaal in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam on the 30th of April of this year, His Majesty Willem-Alexander said

Our strength is not in isolation, but in cooperation. Like family. As friends. As residents of a street or neighborhood. As citizens of our Kingdom.

Our country Aruba would not be what is today if it were not for cooperation. Cooperation within our community but also international cooperation is paramount for our small island. We not only need each other to make this place even better, we need our Kingdom as together we are stronger.

As representative of His Majesty in Aruba I gladly and wholeheartedly support all initiatives, organizations and developments that answer to His Majesty's call and strive to support cooperation and support between all people in Aruba that care for others and that help those who are in need.

The year 2013 is also an important year for Rotary Aruba, as it celebrates its 75th anniversary

In these past 75 years it has grown to be an important part of the Aruban society and has shown great resilience in supporting all different groups in our community. Over these years, Its members have shown leadership in aiding in those areas where help is needed. and it does so in such a way that It serves as a complement to the Government's efforts to improve the wellbeing of its citizens.

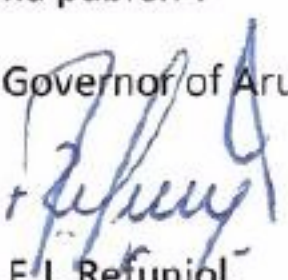
The fact that Rotary club Aruba is part of a global organisation makes its efforts even more valuable, as it can draw from more than a century of experience in other countries and societies. Its links with likeminded people abroad allows Rotarians to broaden their view and discover best practices useful to use as basis for an Aruban adaptation. Thus supporting the necessary international cooperation our country needs.

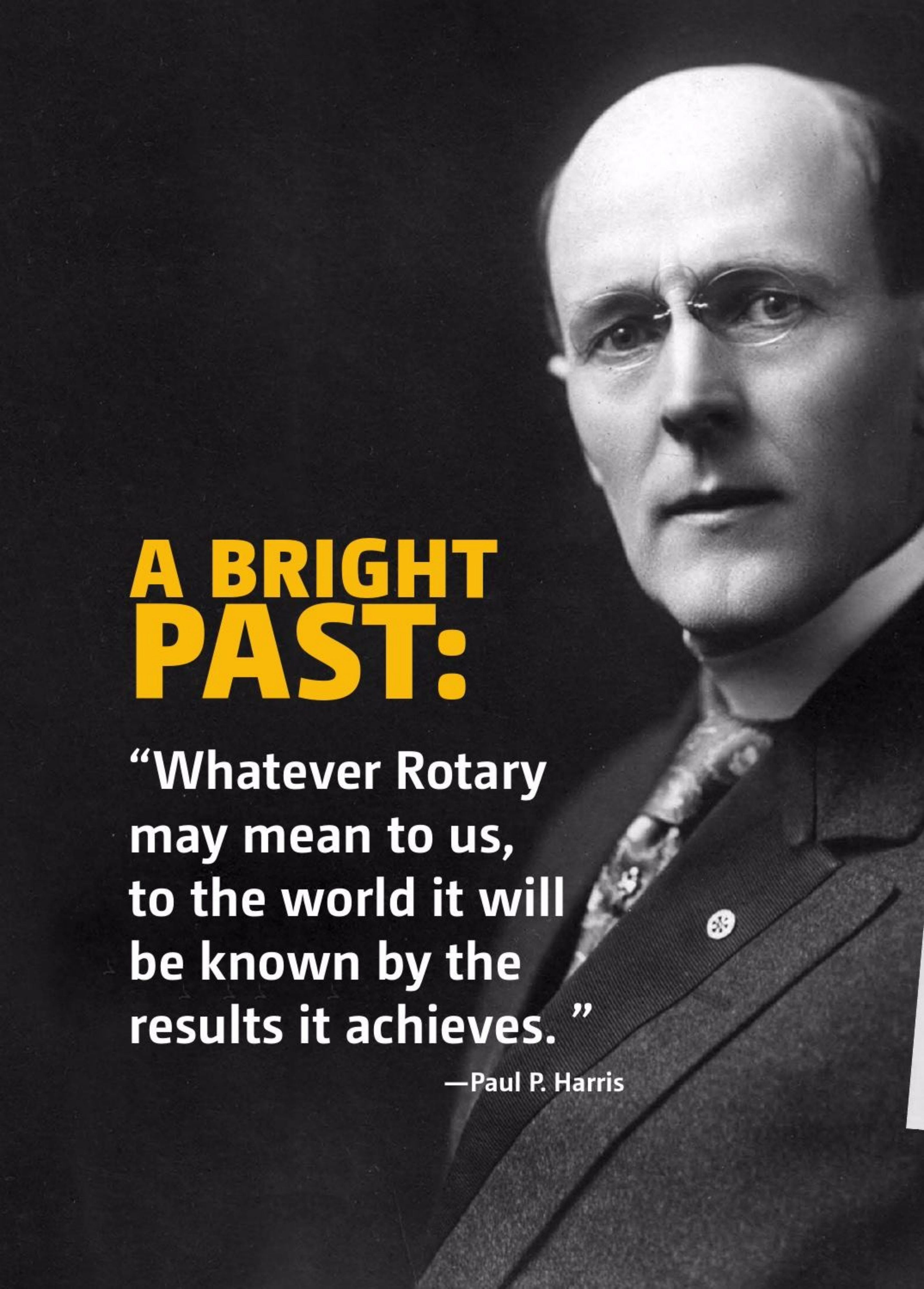
I have great confidence that Rotary Aruba will continue to strengthen our society in the next 75 years. That it thus will not only help our fellow Arubans in need, but also support His Majesty King Willem-Alexander in the fulfillment of his wishes for his reign as King for all countries within the Kingdom.

I congratulate Rotary Aruba and its members with its 15th lustrum and wish everybody a very good future in service of the people of this country

Masha pabien !

The Governor of Aruba


H.E. F.J. Refunjol

A black and white portrait of Paul P. Harris, a man with glasses, wearing a suit and tie. The portrait is positioned on the right side of the image, with the text overlaid on the left.

A BRIGHT PAST:

**“Whatever Rotary
may mean to us,
to the world it will
be known by the
results it achieves.”**

—Paul P. Harris

The History of Rotary

OUR 1.2 MILLION-MEMBER ORGANIZATION STARTED WITH THE VISION OF ONE MAN OF GREAT KINDNESS: Paul P. Harris

Although a lawyer by profession, Harris' desire for material gains was very low and he spent many years traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe, accepting a variety of jobs to make a living. After he had finally settled in his hometown of Chicago and opened his own law office, he found it difficult to find men of other occupations who were willing to be helpful to others instead of exclusively pursuing their own interests. He approached three of his friends Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele,

and Hiram Shorey, with the idea of creating a club-like atmosphere that combines friendship, business and service. The concept was well received and on the night of February 23rd 1905, they held their first meeting at Gustavus' office. As the plans were laid out by Harris, the Rotary Club of Chicago was established—forming the world's first service club. By means of this organization, Harris wanted to realize his ambition of living a life of service rather than seeking fortune.

The activities of the Rotary Club of Chicago were gradually spread among a wider circle and within five years clubs had formed across the US, from San Francisco to New York. The clubs were a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas on how to provide humanitarian services and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. The name 'Rotary' was inspired by the group's early practice of rotating the location of meetings among the offices of each member.



Today, Rotary International has grown into a dynamic worldwide organization that is difficult to categorize, sparking questions such as:

- Is it a philosophy?**
- Is it a dinner club?**
- Is it a business club?**
- A plane? A bird?**

We sure think Rotary is some form of a superhero, but one that does not need superpowers to accomplish its goals. We are 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us achieve the remarkable. Rotary simply engages in daily endeavors by following the club's objects with persistency and dedication to practice "Service above Self."



The Objects

THE FIRST ROTARY CLUB OF

CHICAGO STARTED WITH TWO OBJECTS:

1. The promotion of the business interests of its members;

2. The promotion of good fellowship.

Undoubtedly, the first Club was largely composed of men and—despite Harris' altruistic vision—not all members were initially driven by philanthropy. Early Rotarians sought to reap business benefits from their association. Even though this was a perfectly legal basis for any club to be established on, the members knew that their purpose was larger. At first, the second object of promoting good fellowship did not grow organically. Considering that in those days competitors were seen as enemies, rotary membership was limited to one man from each line of business or profession. This created an atmosphere favorable to the development of friendly relations. The members first started to help each other, not having to fear that this would increase competition.

After eliminating competition among the members, Paul Harris gradually succeeded in inspiring the Rotarians to extend their consideration and support to others outside the club as well. As Rotarians began to help their communities without asking for or expecting financial compensation in return, they adopted a third object:

3. The advancement of the best interests of their city.

As the role of Rotary within its community progressed, so too did the three objects and a fourth aim was also formed. The final four objects have been formally worded in the following manifesto:

We aim to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

2

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to service society;

3

The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life;

4

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



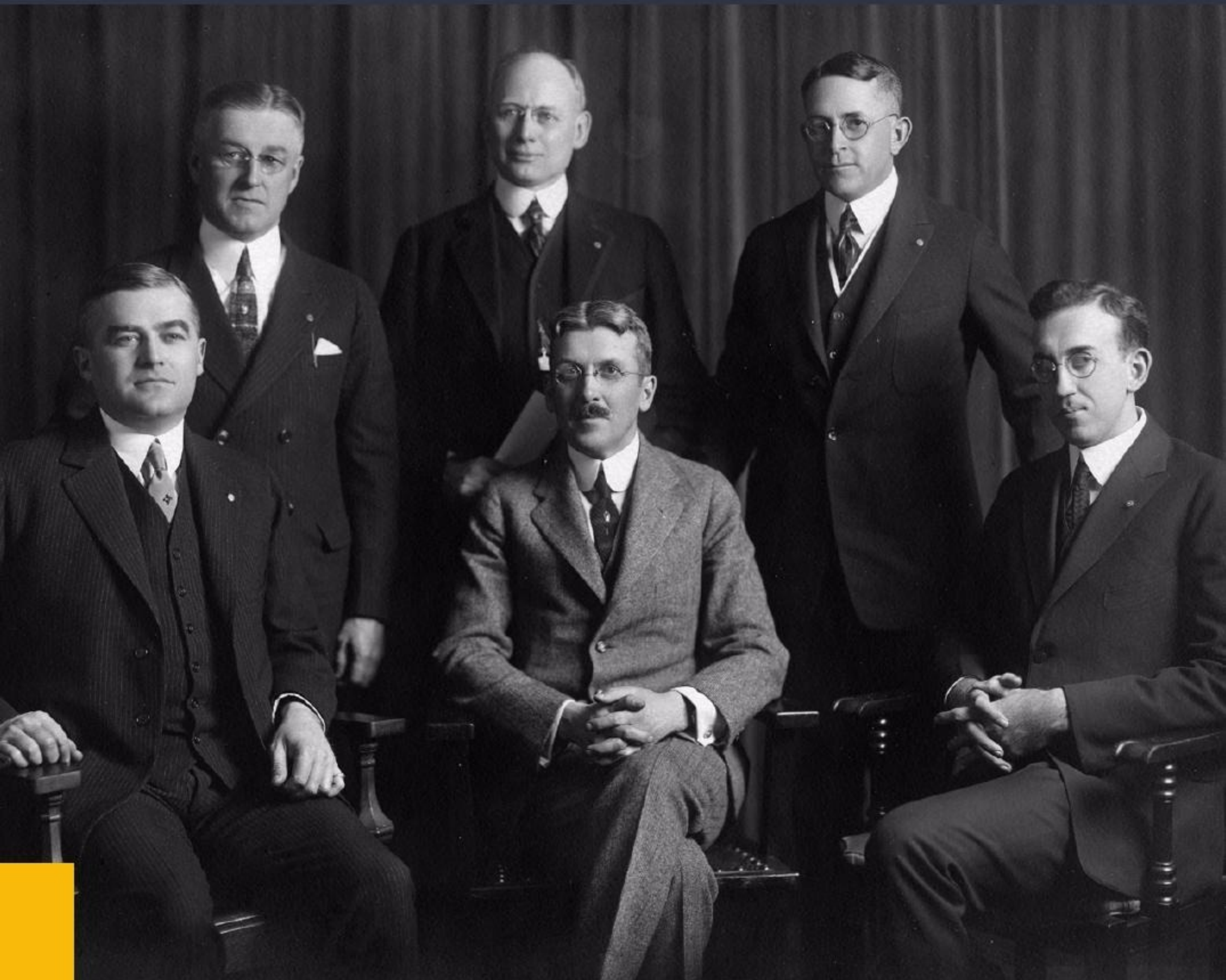
A black and white photograph of a group of elderly people, mostly women, gathered around a long table in a community room. They are playing bingo. Several bingo cards are visible on the table, some with numbers and some with red bingo balls placed on them. The women are dressed in casual attire, including patterned shirts and blouses. One woman in the foreground is smiling at the camera. In the background, there are windows with patterned curtains. A yellow text box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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The Evolution

GUIDED BY THESE OBJECTS, ROTARY CLUBS STARTED
TO MAKE AN IMPACT IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

Inspired by the Chicago club, other cities in the United States began installing their own Rotary clubs. Indeed, the success of the Chicago Club was instrumental in the organization of the San Francisco Rotary Club in 1908, followed by the formation of a dozen additional clubs in the States during 1909 and 1910. The first national convention was held in Chicago in August 1910. Rotary consisted of 16 clubs, which formed the National Association of Rotary Clubs.



The international nature of Rotary was first demonstrated in 1912, with the founding of a club in Winnipeg, Canada. To reflect this development, the association adapted its name to International Association of Rotary Clubs. In 1913, clubs were organized in Europe. Rotary crossed the Atlantic in 1914 when clubs were formed in the British Isles. By 1916, Rotary saw its first club in the Caribbean

with the establishment of the Rotary Club of Cuba. An international movement was activated. By 1921 Rotary clubs were operating on every continent. Finally, the name Rotary International was adopted in 1922. The organization further developed the regulations based on its international growth. Today, Rotary International consists of 34,282 clubs worldwide.



**THE 2015 - 16
ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS.**

The Structure

THE PRESIDENT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IS ELECTED EVERY YEAR BY THE ROTARIANS.

The president leads an elected board of directors. The directors serve for two years. Next to the president, the general secretary manages the staff of about 600 people working at Rotary's headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and in 7 international offices around the world.

Rotarians belong to their own Rotary Club, which has a president and board of directors elected by the members themselves. The club president works together with the president-elect, officers, board members and committee chairs to manage the club. Each club pays dues to Rotary International, and in return Rotary International assists the club by providing training, programs and resources.

The Clubs are grouped in districts based on their geographic area. Each district is directed by a governor. The district governor is an officer of Rotary International and represents the Rotary International board of directors in the field. District governors are nominated by the members of the clubs of their respective districts and are elected by all the clubs during the annual Rotary International Dis-

trict Convention. Districts were formed to help the clubs that are in close proximity to each other to connect and to effectively access Rotary resources. There are currently around 530 districts organized into 34 zones. Each zone consists of approximately 15 Rotary districts. Zone directors are members of the Rotary International board of directors and they each manage two zones. They are nominated by the clubs in their respective zones and are elected by the convention for two years.

The dream of Paul Harris developed into a reality of international proportions and has made the object of "Service" a worldwide community support. This object continuous to be characterized as highly attractive by men and women who enjoy the benefits of living in their communities. These individuals are particularly seeking an opportunity to give something back to their community to improve and preserve the quality of life of all citizens. By following this conduct, Rotarians realize the goals of Rotary International. The reputation of and respect for Rotary International has become so universal that in the meeting room for social affairs at the United Nations, special seats have been permanently reserved for representatives of Rotary International. The close relationship between Rotary International and the United Nations is reflected in the goals of Rotary—which are inspired by the United Nations Millennium Goals.

The Goals

THE GOALS OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ARE GUIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM GOALS:

- End poverty and hunger
- Universal education
- Gender equality
- Child health
- Maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS
- Environmental sustainability
- Global partnership
- Clean water
- End of polio



**END POVERTY
AND HUNGER**

**GENDER
EQUALITY**

**UNIVERSAL
EDUCATION**



**MATERNAL
& CHILD
HEALTH**



COMBAT HIV/AIDS



**ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY &
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP**



**UNIVERSAL
COVERAGE**



Rotary **International** and the United Nations

Rotary's relationship with the United Nations dates back to 1945, when approximately 49 Rotary members acted as delegates, advisors and consultants at the United Nations Charter Conference. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a non-governmental organization by the United Nations' Economic and Social Council.



Rotary and the United Nations have a long history of working together and sharing similar visions for a more peaceful world. In 1942, Rotary clubs from 21 nations organized a conference in London to develop a vision for advancing education, science, and culture after World War II. That event was a precursor to UNESCO. In 1945, 49 Rotarians went to San Francisco to help draft the United Nations' Charter. Rotary and the United Nations have been close partners ever since, a relationship that's apparent through PolioPlus and the endeavors with UN agencies.

The invitation extended to Rotary International to participate in the United Nations Conference as consultant to the United States delegation was not merely a gesture

of good will and respect toward a great organization. It was a simple recognition of the practical role that members of Rotary have played and will continue to embody in the development of understanding among nations. The representatives of Rotary were needed in San Francisco and they made a considerable contribution to the Charter itself, and particularly to the framing of provisions for the Economic and Social Council.

Rotary maintains and furthers its relationship with a number of United Nations bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies through its representative network. This network consists of Rotary International representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.



AN ONGOING COMMITMENT

Rotarians have not only been present for major events in history—we have been a part of them. From the beginning, three key traits have remained strong throughout Rotary:

1

We are truly international.

After having been founded for only 16 years, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today we are working together from around the globe both digitally and in-person, to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.

2

We persevere in tough times.

During WWII, Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally and following the war's end, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.

3

Our commitment to service is ongoing.

We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. By 2012, only three countries remain polio-endemic—a significant decrease from the 125 countries affected in 1988.



DIFFERENT ANGLES

Our distinct point of view and approach gives us unique advantages.

We see differently:

Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.

We think differently:

We apply leadership and expertise to social issues—and find unique solutions.

We act responsibly:

Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.

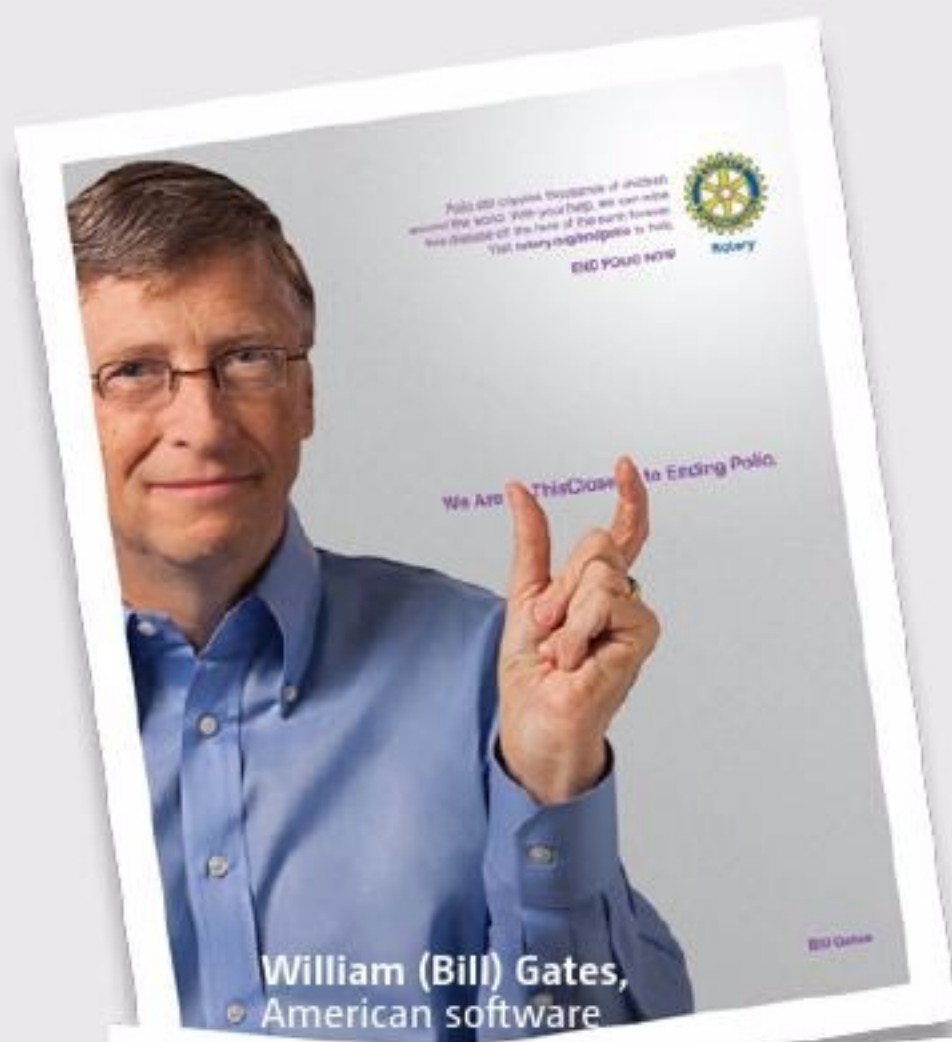
We make a difference at home and around the world:

Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

WORK ETHIC

Rotary International has been making history and bringing our world closer together for over 100 years. As mentioned previously, since our establishment in 1905, we have taken on some of the world's toughest challenges and helped a wide range of international and service organizations—from the United Nations to Easter Seals. The heart of all our endeavors undoubtedly beats within all the individuals that sacrifice their time as dedicated members of Rotary.

Our impact indeed starts with our members—people who work tirelessly with their clubs to solve some of our communities' toughest challenges. Their efforts are supported by Rotary International, our member association, and The Rotary Foundation—which turn generous donations into grants that fund the work of our members and partners around the world. Rotary is led by our members: responsible leaders who help carry forward our organization's mission and values in their elected roles.



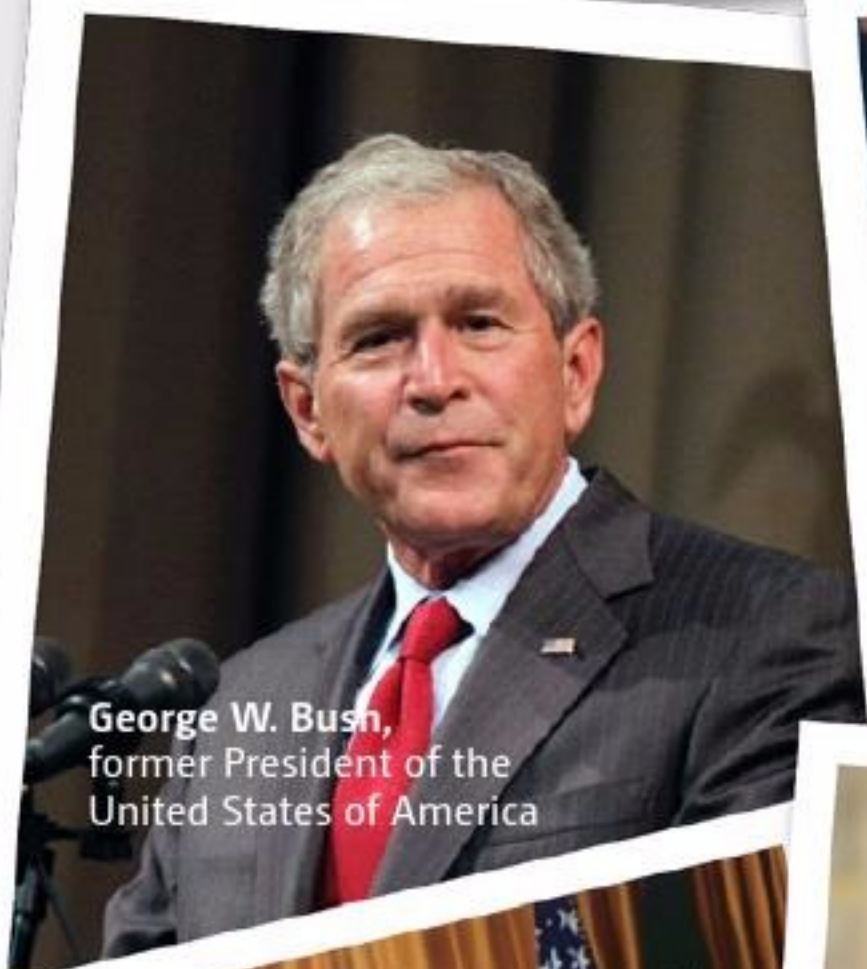
William (Bill) Gates,
American software

Notable Rotarians

Rotarians are your neighbors, your community leaders and some of the world's greatest history-makers:



Emmanuel (Manny) Dapidran Pacquaio,
Filipino World-Champion Boxer and Congressman



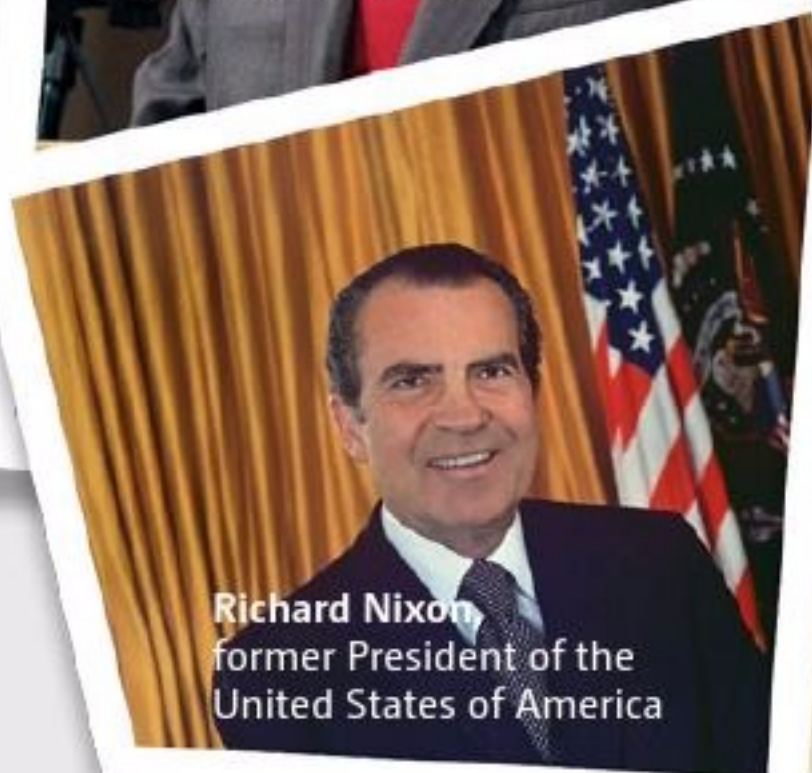
George W. Bush,
former President of the United States of America



Ronald Reagan,
former President of the United States of America



Rainier III.,
Prince of Monaco



Richard Nixon,
former President of the United States of America



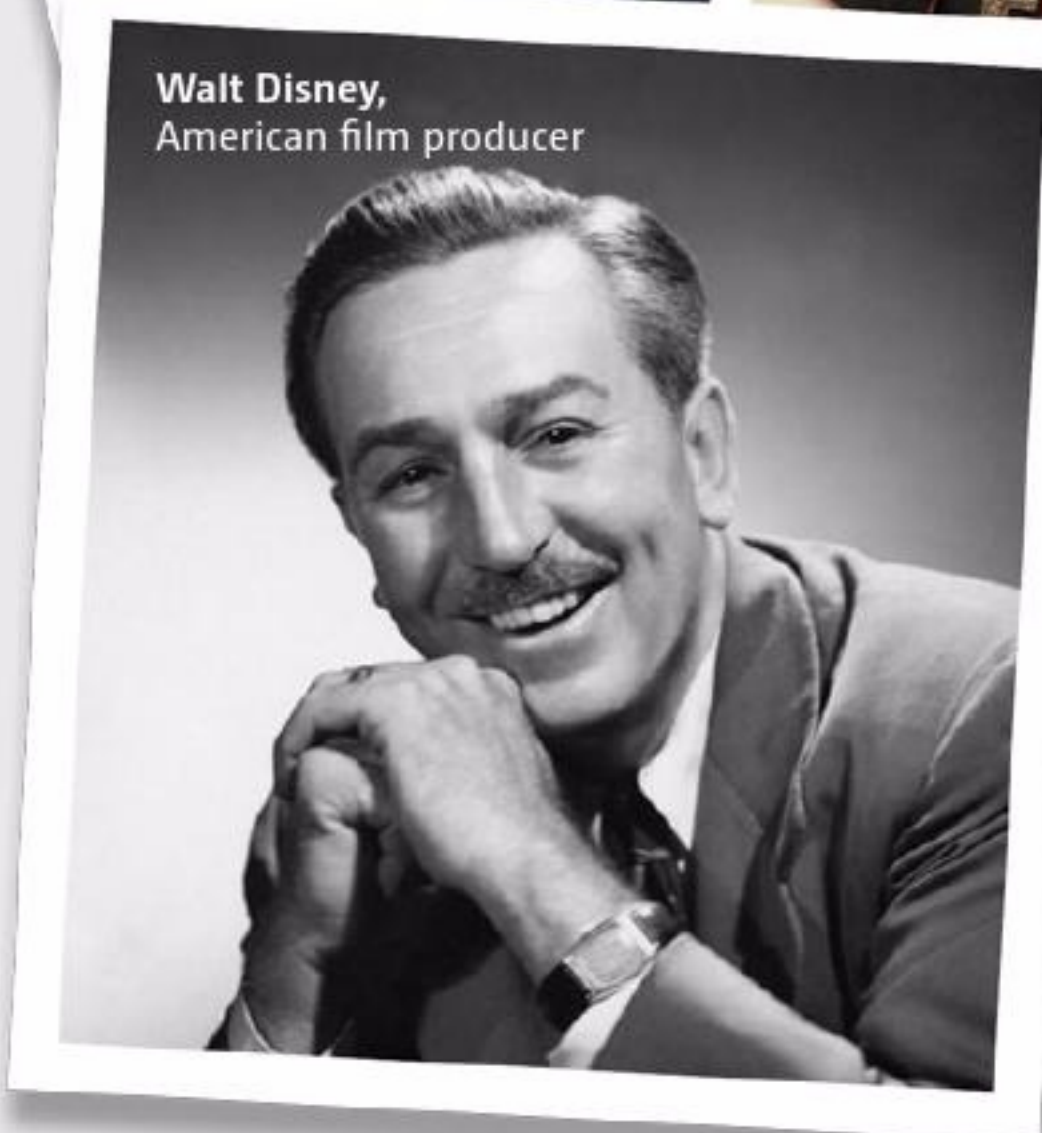
Pope Francis,
when he was Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio



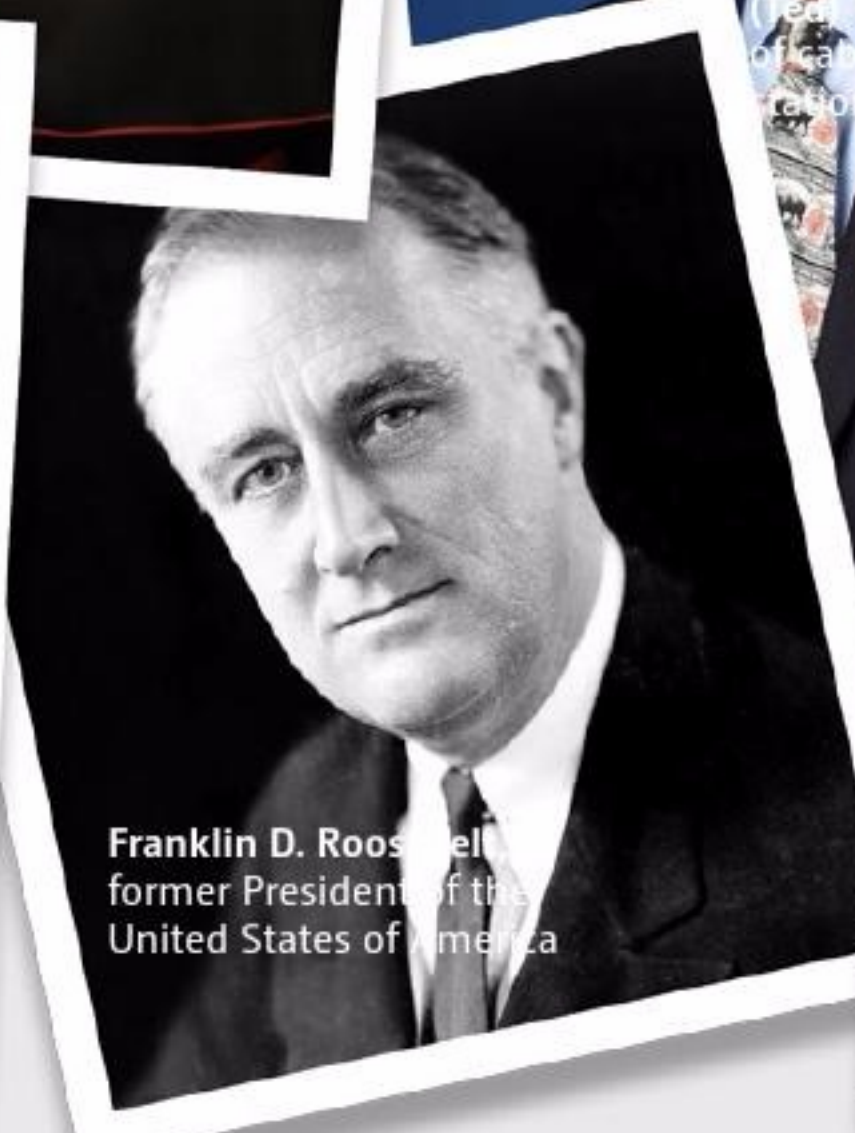
Robert Edward (Ted) Turner,
founder of cable television station CNN



Guglielmo Marconi,
Italian inventor of the radio and Nobel laureate



Walt Disney,
American film producer



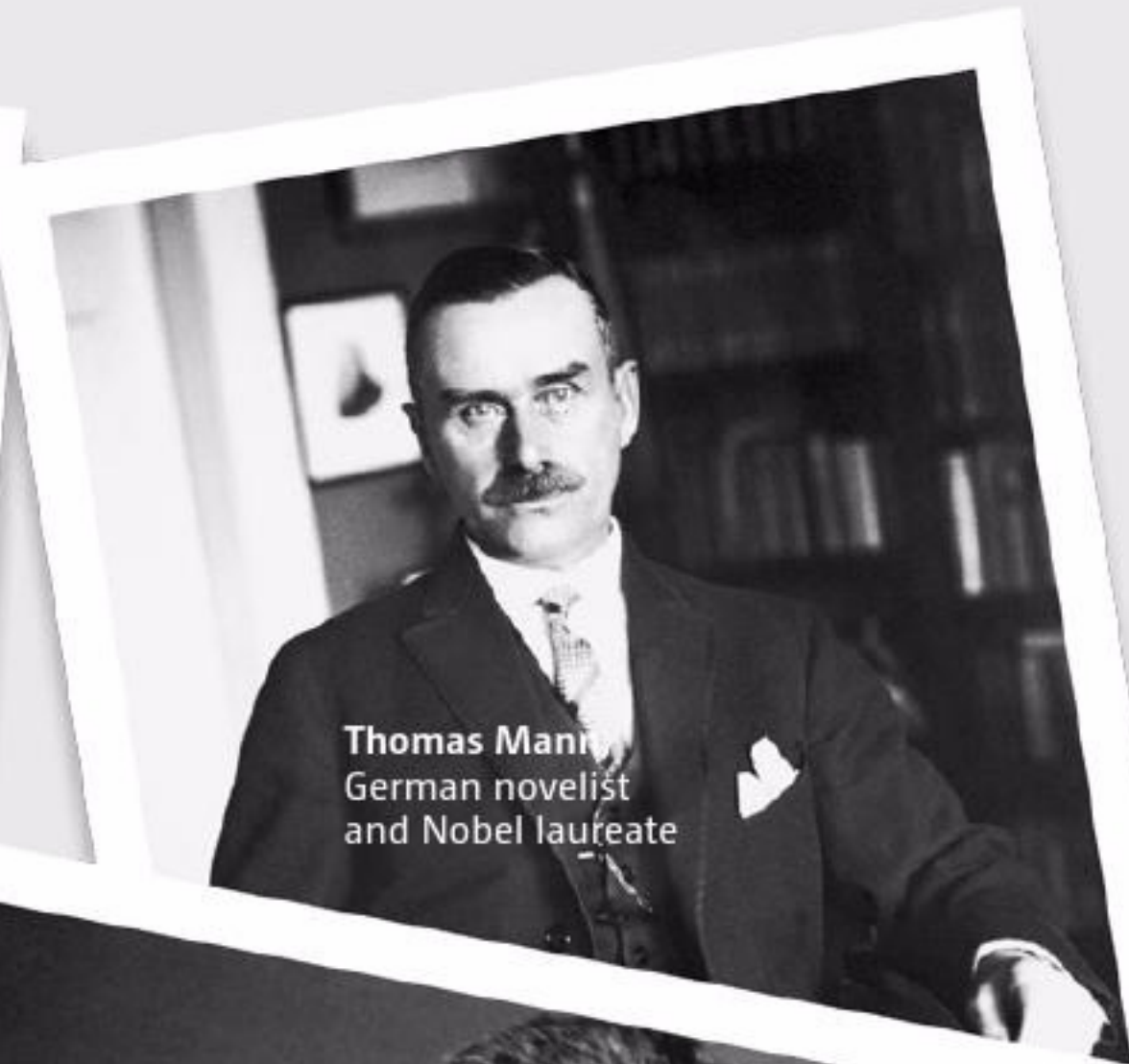
Franklin D. Roosevelt,
former President of the United States of America



Margaret Thatcher,
former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom



James Cash Penney, founder of the J.C. Penney stores



Thomas Mann
German novelist
and Nobel laureate



Hassan II,
King of Morocco



Friedrich Bergius
German chemist and Nobel laureate



John F. Kennedy,
former President of the
United States of America



the wireless
create



Prince Bernhard of the
Netherlands, former Prince
of the Netherlands



Neil Armstrong,
American astronaut



ADVENTURE IN SERVICE:



The **spirit** of Rotary

Rotary's altruistic spirit is reflected in its official mottoes of *Service Above Self* and *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*. The history of the mottoes also illustrates Rotary's commitment to correctly communicate its primary purpose. During the first convention of the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America held in Chicago in 1910, Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon declared in his speech that "*only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best.*" At the second convention in Portland, Oregon the following year, Rotary International approved an adapted version of Sheldon's quote and informally installed *He profits most who serves best* as Rotary's motto.

It was at the same convention in Portland that the motto of *Service Above Self* was coined. In a conversation between Ben Collins, the president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham, Collins shared his club's principle of Service, Not Self. Once Rotary founder Paul Harris joined the conversation, Harris asked Collins to share this phrase at the convention. Rotarians received the quote with great enthusiasm. However, it was until the convention held in Detroit in 1950 when the two quotes were formally approved as official mottoes of Rotary.

**SERVICE
ABOVE SELF
AND ONE
PROFITS
MOST WHO
SERVES BEST.**

The Minneapolis Rotary Club's *Service, Not Self* was modified to *Service Above Self* and became the principal motto of Rotary as it communicated the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. The Sheldon inspired *He Profits Most Who Serves Best* was left unchanged until 2004. In the 2004 Council on Legislation, the phrase was modified to *They Profit Most Who Serve Best*. And in 2010, the phrase underwent its last adaptation and was turned into the current motto *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*. The two mottoes reaffirm that although Rotarians may engage in different activities, the driving purpose must always be to provide service to the community. But what does this service entail? The following sections describe the work executed by Rotarians.



Area of **focus**

Responsible leadership means more than just doing good work—it means making the most out of every donation we receive.

We have identified specific causes to target to maximize our local and global impact. At the same time, we understand that each community has its own unique needs and concerns. Through global grants and other resources, we help clubs focus their service efforts in promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. Each area is discussed in more detail below.

Promoting peace.

Today, 42 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. Through our partnerships with several leading universities, Rotary Peace Fellows develop the skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict. We provide up to 100 peace fellowships per year at Rotary Peace Centers.

Learn how Rotary projects address the structural causes of conflict.





Fighting disease.

More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. Our members educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. Many of our projects ensure that medical training facilities are located where the workforce lives. *See how Rotary projects provide low-cost health care*



Providing clean water.

More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation. *See how Rotary is building sustainable clean water and sanitation facilities*



Saving mothers and children.

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

Watch how Rotary helps bring health care to mothers and newborns in rural Haiti.



Supporting education.

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Watch how a Rotary grant helps bring tablet technology to students in Fiji.





Growing local economies.

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also help strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

See how Rotary helps workers achieve better wages and working conditions.



Even though Rotarians are guided by the abovementioned specific causes, Rotary clubs are asked by their communities to help numerous other endeavors. To filter through these

requests and determine whether they meet the requirements and goals of Rotary, Rotarians may assess whether the projects pass the Four-Way Test.

The **Four–Way** test

The simple and straightforward Four-Way Test was written by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J Taylor in 1932. Currently, the test forms part of the guiding principles of Rotary. The answers to the four questions posed in the test aim to provide its members with a strong, common purpose and direction. It is an ethical guide that may be used both in personal and professional relationships. “The Four-way test of the things we think, say or do” illustrates the Rotarians state of mind when practicing the object of Service:

- 1** Is it the **TRUTH?**
- 2** Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3** Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIP?**
- 4** Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

It is not necessarily a catechism but rather a subjective form of self-analysis. The test was developed during Taylor’s attempt to save the Club Aluminum Products Distribution Company from bankruptcy. Taylor left his job in ‘packaged groceries; house to house sales’ in order to join 250 other employees of the near-bankrupt company. He reckoned that the only way to rescue the company was to promote moral and ethical behaviors among the employees. Taylor believed if the employees were thinking right they would act right. To cultivate this behavior among the employees, he felt there was a need for an ethical yardstick that everybody in the company could memorize and apply to what they thought, said, and did during interactions with others. In the following detailed account, Taylor describes the process of developing the Four-Way Test and transforming the company:

“Back in 1932 I was assigned, by the Creditors of the Club Aluminum Company, the task of saving the Company from being closed out as a bankrupt organization. The Company was a distributor of cookware and other household items. We found that the Company owed its creditors over \$400,000 more than its total assets. It was bankrupt but still alive. At that time we borrowed \$6,100 from a Chicago Bank to give us a little cash on which to operate.

While we had a good product, our competitors also had fine cookware with well-advertised brand names. Our

Company had some fine people working for it, but our competitors also had the same. Our competitors were naturally in much stronger financial condition than we were. With tremendous obstacles and handicaps facing us we felt that we must develop in our organization dependability and service mindedness of our personnel. We determined, first, to be very careful in the selection of our personnel and, second, to help them become better men and women as they progressed with our Company. We believed that

“In right there is might” and we determined to do our best to always be right.

Our industry, as was true of scores of other industries, had a code of ethics—but the code was long, almost impossible to memorize and therefore impractical. We felt that we needed a simple measuring stick of ethics which everyone in the Company could quickly memorize.

We also believed that the proposed test should not tell our people what they must do, but ask them questions which would make it possible for them to find out whether their proposed plans, policies, statements or actions were right or wrong. Considerable time was spent in developing four short questions which now make up The four – Way Test.

Here are the four questions:

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

THE APPLICATION OF THE FOUR-WAY TEST TO OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR OWN PERSONNEL AND THAT OF OUR SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS HELPED US TO WIN THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL.

I placed this little test under the glass top of my desk and determined to try it out for a few days before talking to anyone else in the Company about it. I had a very discouraging experience. I almost threw it into the wastepaper basket the first day when I checked everything that passed over my desk with the first question, “Is it the truth?” I never realized before how far I often was from the truth and how many untruths appeared in our Company’s literature, letters and advertising.

After about sixty days of faithful constant effort on my part to live up to the The 4-Way Test I was thoroughly sold on its

great worth and at the same time greatly humiliated, and at times discouraged, with my own performance as president of the company on its great worth and at the same time greatly humiliated, and at times discouraged with my own performance as president of the Company. I had, however, made sufficient progress in living up to The Four-Way Test to feel qualified to talk to some of my



Herbert J Taylor



The 1954-55 Board of directors



associates about it. I discussed it with my four department heads. You may be interested in knowing the religious faith of these four men. One was a Roman Catholic, the second a Christian Scientist, the third an Orthodox Jew and the fourth Presbyterian. I asked each man whether or not there was anything in The Four-Way-Test which was contrary to the doctrines and ideals of his particular faith. They all four agreed that truth, justice, friendliness and helpfulness not only coincided with their religious ideals, but that if constantly applied in business they should result in greater success and progress. These four men agreed to use The Four-Way Test in checking proposed plans, policies, statements and advertising of the Company. Later, all employees were asked to memorize and use The Four-Way Test in their relations with others. All superlatives such as the words better, best, greatest and finest disappeared from our advertisements. As a result, the public gradually placed more confidence in what we stated in our advertisements and bought more of our products. The constant use of The Four-Way Test caused us to change our policies covering relations with Competitors. We eliminated all adverse or detrimental comments on our competitors' products from our advertisements and literature. When we found an opportunity to speak well of our competitors we did so. Thus we gained the confidence and friendship of our competitors. The application of The Four-Way Test to our relations

with our own personnel and that of our suppliers and customers helped us to win their friendship and goodwill. We have learned that the friendship and confidence of those with whom we associate is essential to permanent success in business. Through over twenty years of sincere effort on the part of our personnel, we have been making steady progress toward reaching the ideals expressed in The Four-Way Test. We have been rewarded with a steady increase in sales, profits and earnings of our personnel. From a bankrupt condition in 1932 our Company has paid its debts in full, and has paid its stockholders over one million dollars. All of these rewards have come from a cash investment of only \$6,100. The Four-Way Test and some good hard working people who have faith in God and high ideals. Intangible dividends from the use of The Four-Way Test have been even greater than the financial ones. We have enjoyed a constant increase in the goodwill, friendship and confidence of our customers, our competitors and the public and—what is even more valuable, a great improvement in the moral character of our own personnel. We have found that you cannot constantly apply The Four-Way Test to all your relations with others eight hours each day in business without getting into the habit of doing it in your home, social and community life. You thus become a better father, a better friend and a better citizen."
Evaston, Ill., U.S.A, 1946

Since its composition in 1932, the Four-Way test has been translated into more than 100 languages. When Richard Vemor, a director of Rotary International, suggested that Rotary adopt the test in 1942, his proposal was accepted. By January 1943 Rotary International made the Four-Way Test a component of the Vocational Service program. When Taylor served as president of Rotary International in 1954-55, he transferred the copyright of the test to Rotary International. Today Rotarians use it as a way of life and the test is often recited at club meetings.



Rotarian **conduct**

In addition to the Four-Way Test and the objects and goals of Rotary, new members also receive an instruction manual describing the true purpose of the club and its members. The document explains what it means to be a Rotarian and highlights the key tasks that—when executed with passion and consistency—activate Rotary’s full potential. Here is an excerpt from the instruction that we believe best communicates the Rotarian’s adventure in service:

**"THE SPIRIT OF
ROTARY IS THE VERY
ESSENCE OF ITS SOUL.
IT IS INVISIBLE,
INTANGIBLE,
INDEFINABLE, BUT
IT IS THE REALEST
THING ABOUT
ROTARY."**

You have entered into a friendly relationship with a representative group of business and professional men and women who are trying to exemplify through their daily lives and actions the Rotary Ideal of Service. Through fellowship with these men, you can learn much about the work of Rotary. Through cooperation with them, you can have an active part in extending the scope and breadth of the great work. Based on unselfish motives, such participation becomes an adventure in service. Your adventure in service began the day you became a member of our club. It will continue as long as the Object of Rotary guides your actions. And even though the quest may sometimes be difficult, we are quite sure you will find it rewarding.

We have welcomed you to our midst because we believe in your ability, your sincerity, your integrity. We like your enthusiasm and look to you to help carry on the activities of our club. It is new members such as you who give Rotary its vitality, who have kept it growing steadily year after year.

We want you to enjoy your adventure in service, to find it as satisfying, as inspiring, and as challenging as we have. That is why we are trying to describe what Rotary is and does.



ciations it makes possible and for the help it provides in building a strong, active organization. To the extent that you keep up your attendance, meet and greet visitors, help out on programs, carry out committee assignments, and take part in the fellowship of each meeting, you make your contribution to the effectiveness of our club and gain many lasting friendships for yourself.

Your adventure in vocational service offers you an opportunity to win the admiration and respect of others in your business or profession. By applying the Ideal of Service to your personal contacts with non-Rotarians who are in any way associated with you in your work, you help make Rotary a living force in the commercial, industrial, and professional life of our community. And, incidentally, you also improve your own standing therein.

Your adventure in community service brings the opportunity to help others help themselves. In no other way is the impact of our Rotary club upon the life of the community so often and so clearly evident as in this continual striving to improve local conditions. Just as your willingness to help supply aid and guidance to our youth exemplifies your worth as a Rotarian, so does your activity in ascertaining local needs and in supporting worthy projects add to your stature as a citizen of our community.

Your adventure in international service can vastly broaden your outlook by helping you understand the problems of those who live in other lands, who have different cultural backgrounds, who speak strange languages and hold different political and religious beliefs. If through your interest in international problems you assist in the development of a well-informed public opinion, you will not only be acting in the best interests of your own country, but you will be making a real contribution to "the advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace." Just where your adventure in service may lead you, no one can say.



Some of us have found this adventure a source of considerable personal satisfaction; others have found it a source of great inspiration; still others, a never-ending challenge. All of us agree that this quest for a fuller and more meaningful life in terms of service to others, when motivated and executed without thought of personal gain, expresses in positive and constructive action, the spirit of Rotary – which the late Canon Allan P. Shatford of the Montreal (Canada) Rotary Club defined in this way: "The spirit of Rotary is the very essence of its soul. It is invisible, intangible, indefinable, but it is the realest thing about Rotary. It changes casual contacts into glowing friendships; transforms dull duties into inspiring privileges. Where the spirit of Rotary is, there is liberty. It sets us free from the bondage of prejudice and bigotry, and binds us all together in ties of understanding and brotherhood. The spirit of Rotary is like the gentle rain from Heaven. It cleans away selfishness, melts down the barriers that separate men, dissolves discords into harmonies, changes competition into cooperation, and reveals the beauty of life and the inherent nobilities of every man."

That is what one Rotarian's Adventure in service meant to him. What will yours mean to you?







SERVICE IN PARADISE:



The Rotary Club of **Aruba**

In May 1938, James Roth—a Rotary International special commissioner assigned with the expansion of Rotary—arrived in Aruba with the purpose of establishing a Rotary Club on the island. Roth was a consul for the United States in Rio de Janeiro for many years and he was one of the founders of the Rotary Club Lima, Peru in 1921. He was also instrumental in founding Rotary Clubs in Costa Rica, Salvador, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela and Curaçao. Roth was quite popular among Rotarians and his enthusiasm for Rotary was so contagious that some clubs were tempted to call themselves “Clubes Rotharians,” in reference to his name.

Upon his arrival in Aruba, Roth handed a letter of introduction to the vice-consul of Panama and well-known businessman Mr. Simon (Champi) Q. Oduber. Oduber was an importer of mainly Panamanian products and ran a “Panamanian Bazaar” at the street level of his house located at Oranjestraat 5 in Aruba’s capital city of Oranjestad. As he was also an active member of Aruba Tivoli Club and due to his gregarious personality, Oduber was well acquainted with most of the prominent people in Aruba. Therefore, Roth felt Oduber to be the ideal person to take on the task of contacting a number of leaders in the community who might be interested in starting a Rotary Club in Aruba. Oduber accepted the task and with great energy and dedication, gathered different prominent businessmen to found the club on the island.

Founders of the Rotary Club of Aruba



Richard Johannes Beaujon
Proprietor Crescent Trading Company



Leonardo J. M. Henriquez
Proprietor L. J. M. Henriquez & Sons N.V.



Jacobus Beijderwellen
Director of Public Works



Juan Enrique Irausquin
Manager John G. Eman Bank



Albert Bronkhuysen
Manager Arend Petroleum Company



Frans H. M. Kramer
Manager Aruba Trading Co. Ltd. O'stad



Frank S. Campbell
General Superintendent Lago Oil
& Transport Company Ltd.



Hermanus Kloosterman
Adjutant Military Police



Jorge Gabriel de Castro
Proprietor Cement Industry Jorge de Castro



Roberto L. Ricci O
Consul of Venezuela



Willem Frederik Craane
Proprietor CRAANE'S



Willem L. Harmsen
Surgeon



Capt. Robert Rodger
Marine Superintendent Lago Oil
& Transport Company Ltd.



James Eliot Dickie,
Manager All American Cables Co.



Nicolas F. Ronday
Manager Hollandsche Bank Unie N.V.



Johannes Michiel Godfried Eman
Manager John G. Eman Trading Company



Abram Ch. Sasso
Manager Aruba Trading Company Ltd
San Nicolas (add. active to F.H.M. Kramer)



John Gerard Eman
Proprietor Electriciteitsbedrijf ELECTRA,



Arnoldus M. Schutte
Comptroller of Taxes for Aruba



John R. Gray
Manager Esso Club, PAN AM Camp.



Albertus Hendrik van As
Director Juliana School



Manuel Viana
Proprietor Viana Auto Supply Company Ltd

The Aruba Rotary club's first president was Mr. Frank. S. Campbell. The members of the first board were Mr. F. Kramer (Vice-President), Mr. John R. Gray (Secretary), Mr. Willem F. Craane (Treasurer) and Mr. Richard J. Beaujon (Director). The club was founded on August 13, 1938 and on August 29th, 1938 the Rotary Club of Aruba was formally admitted to Rotary International.

The official gala dinner ceremony was held on December 10, 1938. Although Simon Oduber was greatly responsible for the establishment of Aruba's own Rotary club, his name is not listed among those who attended the gala nor is he mentioned in any of our records. His absence from our documentation is due to his devotion to the Roman Catholic Church. At the time, the church was against the Rotary International movement and under pressure of the local clergy, Oduber withdrew as a potential member of the club. Over the years, the Roman Catholic Church gradually abandoned its prejudice against the Rotary Club. After a few decades, in 1998 our club welcomed Pastor Felix Pasa-

dillo, the first Roman Catholic priest to become a member of the Aruba Rotary Club. Many years later, our club was also honored to have Oduber's son, Dr. Dolfi Oduber, join the Rotary Club of Aruba. He later served as the President of the club between 1963 and 1964. Despite his own inability to become a Rotarian, Oduber's great enthusiasm and active involvement in proposing and contacting prospective members renders him a fundamental figure in the establishment of the Rotary Club of Aruba and he is remembered with great appreciation.

A total of 75 Rotarians, Rotary Anns (i.e. wives of Rotarians) and guests attended the first gala dinner ceremony. The Curaçao Rotary Club was represented by 21 members and Rotary Anns, who arrived by a plane chartered for the occasion. President Frank Campbell offered a toast to the Government and Lt. Governor Isaac Wagemaker also gave his speech. The inauguration address was delivered by Lloyd G. Smith, who named good fellowship as the first principle of Rotary. Smith also claimed:

"In Aruba there has been an increase in prosperity and a rise in the general standard of living, which other nations are doing their best to attain by legislation, planned economy, socialism, financial juggling and other methods evolved by the best brains in the world."



There are no reports of the dancing that proceeded after the official ceremony, but we can be certain that, with Manuel Viana responsible for all arrangements, everybody was in a joyous mood during this historical event. At the end of the dinner, Mr. Dionijn (Don Dijns) van Nijmegen Schonegevel, the immediate past president of the Curaçao Rotary Club and acting on behalf of Rotary International, presented President Frank Campbell with the club's charter.

At that time that the charter was received, Aruba, Venezuela and Curaçao did not belong to any Rotary district. Instead, the clubs were administrated by Colonel Juan Jones Parra of Caracas, whose official title was "Consejero Administrativo" of Rotary International. It was until June 30, 1939, when the three countries formed District 44. Since then, the district number was changed four times from 113 (1949) to 435 (1957) to 437 (1977) and finally to our current district number of 4370.



Aruba Rotarians in 1940 with seated a.o. Gustavo Kuiperi, Bob Heinze, James Dickey, Capt. Johan Beaujon, Virgil Reese, Ami Maas, John G. Eman, Freddy Beaujon, Lloyd G. Smith, Koas Beyerwellen and Jan H. Beaujon. Standing are a.o. Fijf Eman,

Bill Euari, Casey Eman, Manuel Viana, H. Sandvoos, L. J. M. Henriquez, Frans Karner, Hornero Parilli, W. C. Colby and Jorge de Castro.

Rotary International has suggested on numerous occasions, that The Aruba Rotary Club be removed from the Venezuelan district and join the district of Rotary clubs in the Eastern Caribbean area. In the past, our club has voiced its strong desire to remain part of the district with our Venezuelan friends with whom many of our Club members have developed close relationships as Rotarians. Ties with Venezuela were especially strengthened during visits of District Governors and during the annual conferences and assemblies. Many District Governors made lasting impressions on our members and went out of their way to make us feel at home in their districts. Recently however, the new generation of Aruban Rotarians no longer experience strong ties with Venezuela. The political situation in Venezuela also caused alienation between the countries. For this reason, our club has recently requested to be added to the Eastern Caribbean district. Our neighboring islands of Curaçao and Bonaire have also requested to relocate their clubs to this district. The proposals are currently under consideration and we are pending to receive approval from Rotary International.

From living room to **ballroom**

The first exploratory meeting of the Aruba Rotary Club took place at the home of the first treasurer of the club, Mr. W.F. Craane. In line with the origin of Rotary's name, we rotated between different locations for subsequent meetings.



Among these venues were: Meisnner's Tavern (private residence of Mr. Meisnner), Arend Colony Club (now: Eagle Tennis Club), Caribe Hotel (now Dufry in the Mainstreet of Oranjestad), Strand Hotel (now: Talk of the Town), Trocadero (now: Renaissance mall), Heidelberg (previously located in Dakota shopping paradise), Americana Hotel (now: Occidental Grand Aruba Resort), Casa del Mar Resort, Windows Restaurant at the Links and Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort. Today our meetings are held in the Alhambra Casino Ballroom every Monday at 6:30PM.

Despite the club's rotation from one meeting place to another in the past, the members were very much unwavering about the dress code. A business suit was the standard required attire. Nowadays however, the Guayabera's are slowly making their appearance and suits without ties are also customary.

Fundraising

The Rotary Club of Aruba can proudly state that over the past 75 years the club has lived up to the primary mission of Rotary International: Service. We have been very active in the Aruban community and we have always tried to direct most of the activities to community service. These endeavors vary from hands-on projects at a playground to donations for the construction of infrastructural plans. In order to donate funds to organizations in the community, we dedicate a lot of energy in collecting these resources by organizing successful fundraising events. One of our biggest fundraising events is the Fiesta Rotaria.

• *The Fiesta Rotaria*

initiated in 1960 as a small event held at the Sociedad Bolivariana. Visitors would enjoy the music by an orchestra, a well stocked bar and many prizes. However, there were not many attractions at that time and admission was charged. In 1981, Rotarians reinvented the concept of the event and introduced the one-day Flea Market held in the Wilhelmina Park. With numerous stands visited by a large crowd, the new concept was extremely successful. The net proceeds of the first Fiesta Rotaria was Awg 2.194,41, while nowadays each Fiesta generates approximately Awg 300.000.

Next to the donations we receive from the Aruba Lottery Company, the Fiesta Rotaria is the biggest generator of funds for the Rotary Club of Aruba. Since the Fiesta's first location in the Wilhelmina park, the event has seen two location changes. After being held on the plaza in front of the Talk of the Town Hotel for a few of years, the Fiesta Rotaria is now held on the parking lot of Aruba's National Stadium Guillermo Prospero Trinidad. It remains one of the biggest community social events that many people look forward to each year. Evidently, the Fiesta Rotaria has become our main fundraising and public relations event.





• *The Rotary Golf Tournament.*

Next to the Fiesta Rotaria, the Rotary Golf Tournament is our second largest fundraising event. In the late 1990's, Eric D'Arnault (Honorary Fellow Rotarian), Warren Stanley (Ex-Rotarian), Cisco Quant (Fellow Rotarian) and Frans Brinkman (Fellow Rotarian) joined forces to introduce a new fundraiser. Our club wished to gather additional funds to donate to foundations such as Sonrisa (dedicated to the welfare of individuals with special needs) and Sociaal Fonds Colegio Arubano (an organization that provides for students with lesser means). To support these initiatives, we hosted our first Charity Golf Fundraiser at the links at Divi Aruba. In the subsequent years, the tournament was held at the Tierra del Sol golf course and was added to the regular schedule of Aruba's golf calendar. In its first year, the tournament generated over Awg 50.000 for the cause. Despite a slump in the middle of its 13-year history—the 2014 event netted over Awg 50.000 once more. Last year we broke the record when the tournament raised over Awg 100.000.

Aside from raising funds, the tournament also brings many business members of the community together to enjoy a competitive round of golf while having fun. The event culminates with an award ceremony accompanied by a raffle. Every year there are attractive prizes for hole-in-one's. In 2013 for example, the prize for a hole-in-one on hole #5 was a Nissan Juke while a hole-in-one on hole #7 would grant the winner a Mini Cooper. Finally, participants also enjoy a gourmet barbecue dinner prepared by Tierra del Sol's Ventanas del Mar. We look forward to continuing this tradition for many more years to come.

**10th Annual
Rotary Club of Aruba
Charity Golf Tournament**
December 12th, 2009 Schedule of Events
at Tierra del Sol 10:30 Registration
12:30 Shotgun Start
6:30 Awards Reception.

GREAT PRIZES
TOP THREE TEAMS!!

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 Awards Dinner: US \$35 per Individual Non-Golfers and Rotarians.
 For more information call Ravee at +297-737-3737
 or contact Gerald at +297-733-3222 or Job at +297-592-2028.







Funded projects

The Rotary Club of Aruba has enjoyed a steady generation of funds throughout the years. This stability allows us to support numerous organizations in the community by means of donations. Donations are given to institutions and individual causes based on a submitted request after in debt analysis by our Community Service Committee. The proposal is then presented for final approval in a General Assembly Meeting intended for all members.

Donations are in principle spent on social and health related causes but also on disaster relief matters. Support by the Rotary Club of Aruba can either take form in a straight-forward financial contribution, but we also assist organizations with professional support or material goods. The recipients must hand in a spending report of the funds received to enable our club to ensure efficient use of the resources. Table ... provides an overview of the foundations supported by our club. A few of these projects are discussed in more detail below.

The Aruba Scholarship Foundation was initiated in 1948 with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Aruba. The foundation is an independent non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to qualified and deserving Aruban students who wish to pursue a higher education abroad or at the University of Aruba. The Board of Trustees consists of eight members who represent many facets of the Aruban community. The foundation is funded through contributions of private businesses and professional institutions.

• Beach lockers

Back in 1955, Rotary donated lockers at Palm Beach, where locals and visitors could store their belongings while enjoying one of Aruba's most beautiful beaches.

Wilhelmina Park. In 1955, the government of Aruba designed and laid out the Wilhelmina Park—a four-acre tropical garden in downtown Oranjestad. The park is named after Queen Wilhelmina, the longest-reigning Dutch monarch who ruled the Netherlands from 1898 to 1948. The Aruban government dedicated this park to the Queen and laid out a marble statue on a 15-ton pedestal in her honor. In October 1955, Wilhelmina's daughter, Queen Juliana, unveiled the statue of her mother in a ceremony during her visit to Aruba. At the request of the government, our Club

IN 1967 DAKOTA WAS RENOVATED AND EXPANDED AND AN OUTSIDE TERRACE WAS ALSO ADDED.



donated a cactus and rock garden to this park.

• YMCA

The Young Men's Christian Association works to bring social justice and peace to young people and their communities, regardless of religion, race, gender or culture. In addition to conducting research and giving workshops in different program areas (e.g. Sustainable Development, Education & Vocational Training, Gender Equality, Climate Change, Peace-building), YMCA is also an advocate to ensure adequate national and international public policies that protect and promote the rights of youth and women in particular. Through these actions, YMCA's are creating long-lasting change in the lives of thousand of youth and the communities to which they are part of. In all activities, strong emphasis is given to youth leadership and youth participation.





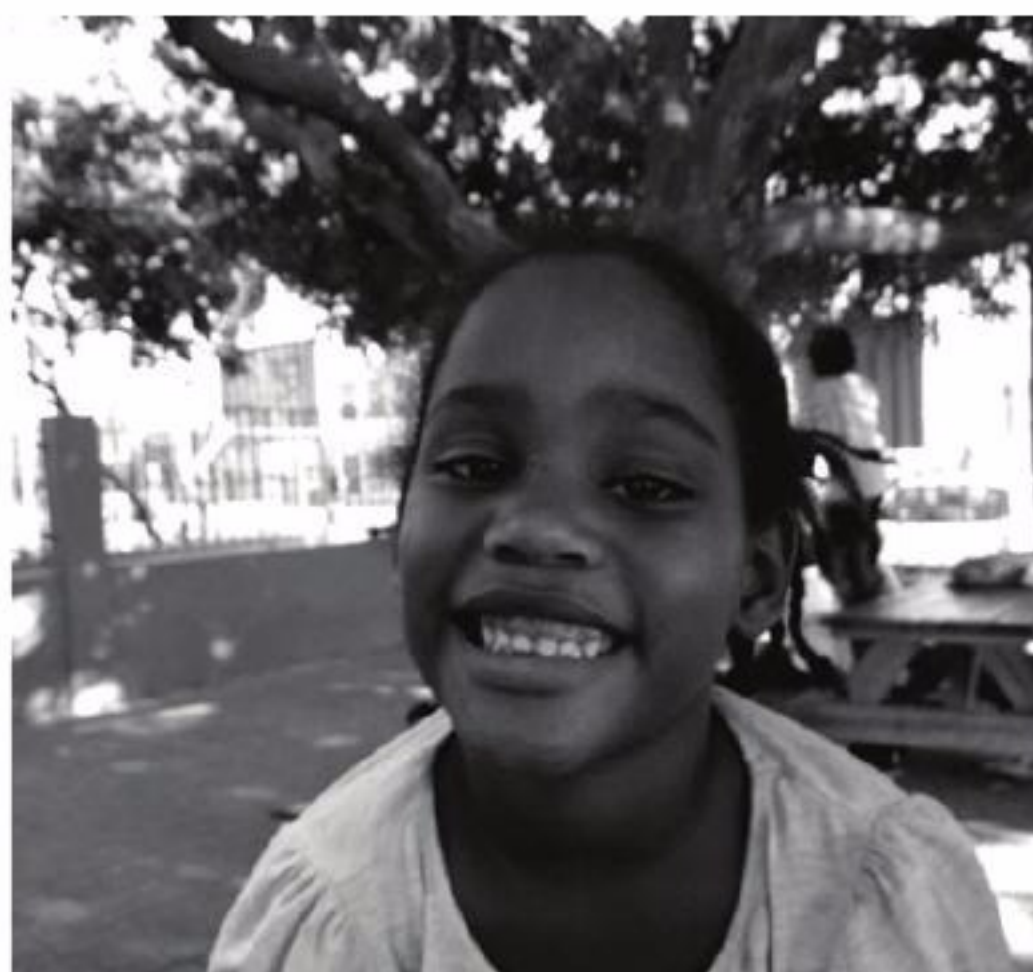
In 1955, Rotarian Robert P. Steele felt the need to establish a YMCA in Aruba. As an 11 year old boy, Steele had enjoyed the privileges of a YMCA membership in Butler, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. With the fond memories of his childhood in mind and considering the positive impact of YMCA's across the globe, Steele engaged the support of 10 fellow Rotarians and 16 other businessmen and leaders of the Aruban community to set up a YMCA on the island. On April 27, 1956 these 27 men installed a provisional Board of Directors. The meetings were first held at the Lago Reception Center in San Nicolas, Aruba's second largest city.

The first undertaking by the YMCA Aruba was to provide the youth the opportunity to practice sports. Lessons in football, archery, weightlifting, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, outdoor bowling and swimming were all among activities offered. Initially, the Lago Sports Park in San Nicolas was made available for YMCA sport classes while the swimming lessons began at Pova Beach in Oranjestad.

In 1961, Aruba's Oil & Transport Company Lago donated the first YMCA building in San Nicolas—which became the main center. The Rotary Club of Aruba president Dr. Richard Robles and all 11 Rotarians and the other 16 board members were present at the inauguration, accompanied by special guests Lt. Governor Dr. K.H. de Boer and the members of the Lago management. In 1967, the Rotary Club of Aruba followed the example of the Lago and donated the YMCA building in Oranjestad, in the district of Dakota.

By the early nineties, the facilities at the YMCA Dakota were in need of renovation. The building was not only old and deteriorating it was also too small to accommodate the growing numbers of youth who gathered at the center after school. Rotarian and architect Bert Kamsteeg of BK Consult was approached to make a design to expand the facilities in Dakota. The project consisted of 3 phases, specifically, the main building, the kitchen including a cafeteria and the covering of the basketball court. The total estimated costs were approximately Awg 2.4 million excluding the covering of the basketball court. The plan was presented to the Cede Aruba Foundation who presented the project to a few funding agencies in the Netherlands. In the beginning of 2007, we received the great news that Cede Aruba as well as the Dutch funding agencies would be participating in realizing the renovation and expansion. In addition to the support from Cede Aruba and the Dutch agencies, we also received financing from the Divi Corporation. With the help of Rotarian Alex Nieuwmeijer, Managing Director of Divi Corporation, a voluntary donation of \$1 per night per guest staying at one of the Divi properties was set up. By means of these funds, the center in Dakota was renovated and expanded and an outside terrace was also added.

On May 22nd 2009, Mr. Jorge Gustavino performed the official opening of the restored center—which was also named after him in recognition of his outstanding contribution and dedication to the YMCA Aruba during



his years as general secretary. The new facilities at the Mr. Jorge Gustavino building have resulted in a tremendous increase in activities as well as an increase in membership. Within six months of the renovation, the YMCA Y'Care program grew from 90 kids to 160 kids.

Since its establishment in San Nicolas and Dakota, YMCA has contributed significantly to the Aruban community. Thousands of children have learned athletic skills, remained active and gained a positive extra curricular activity to engage in when there were limited after school opportunities for the youth. In 1998, YMCA brought close to 1000 delegates from 91 countries to Aruba when the World's Alliance YMCA convention was organized on the island. This was a truly unique occurrence and the most international convention held in Aruba. The well-organized event—led by the local YMCA with the assistance of the YMCA headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, combined with the island's perfect climate—was a memorable event for all participants. Our club is proud to be an active supporter of such a positive and productive organization. The Aruba Rotary Club and the YMCA Aruba are two separate and completely different organizations but we share the same mission: working for the benefit of the Aruban community.





• **Rotary Little League Club.**

In 1959, the Rotary Club of Aruba began sponsoring a little league baseball team. This initiative was led by fellow Rotarian John Mansur. Initially, the team carried the name Arrow, which was the title of our weekly bulletin. Later, the team adopted the name Rotary Little League Club and was supported by Rotary for more than 20 years. The team won many championships and fostered a few players who later went on to play in Major League Baseball such as Calvin Maduro (former pitcher for Philadelphia Phillies and Baltimore Orioles, currently a scout for Baltimore Orioles).



Y.M.C.A.
of Arts

Building a
Community



YMCA
Care

Feeling the Rhythm

Time is more
valuable
than money

YMCA
Golden Agers

Century Club

• **Fundacion Centro Pa Nos Grandinan (Club Kibrahacha 60+).**

In 1982, the Rotary Club of Aruba adopted a proposal from our members to develop a project based on our own analysis of the needs of our community. By doing so, we briefly departed from our usual practice of raising money and donating it to existing organizations. When pondering on the foundations we have helped and in thinking about missing services on the island, our members expressed a desire to focus on the elderly. Led by fellow Rotarian Erick d'Arnault, the "Fundacion Centro Pa Nos Grandinan" was established on the 24th of February 1983. This foundation—with the co-operation from the Aruban Government—established an activity center for the elderly in an abandoned school building in the neighborhood of Piedra Plat. Considering the building was previously occupied by the Kibrahacha school, many locals referred to the new center as Centro Kibrahacha. The building was officially inaugurated on September 9, 1985 under the name Centro Kibrahacha. Later, the foundation adopted its current name **Club Kibrahacha 60+**

The center's main purpose is to provide senior citizens aged 60 and older a wide range of activities. After Club Kibrahacha 60+ opened its doors, it quickly became popular and developed into a showcase of community service. It was evident that there was a lack of attention for this group of elderly but active people. Memberships to the center increased yearly and the initiative was clearly a success. In 1986, Her Majesty Queen Beatrix (currently Princess Beatrix) visited Club Kibrahacha 60+ in recognition of the excellent work that the center conducted.

In 2010, Club Kibrahacha 60+ launched a renewal process to adapt its activities to meet the contemporary needs of the target group. The timing coincided with the celebra-

tion of their 25th anniversary. The renewal process meant expanding the activities of the foundation to include physical exercise (e.g. dance, yoga), educational activities (e.g. computer classes), as well as workshops in various areas such as painting and arts and crafts. The center also realized innovative projects, such as the cultural exchange between Kibrahacha members and cruise tourists from different countries.

In 2013, Club Kibrahacha 60+ together with Aruba's department of Public Health and Sports, brought Dutch TV and radio personality Olga Commandeur to the island to help set up the "Seniors in motion Aruba" project. In the Netherlands, Mrs. Commandeur, a former track and field athlete, together with Yalp—the global distributor and developer of interactive sports and play equipment—created a program that promotes physical activity among senior citizens. The Yalp machines proved to be successful additions to nursing homes in the Netherlands where senior citizens can practice over a hundred different exercises on one equipment. During her visit to Aruba, Mrs. Commandeur gave a 4-day workshop to 15 groups of senior citizens and staff members of Club Kibrahacha 60+. In the sessions, participants learned how to use the machine, received tips on how to remain motivated and active and the staff members also learned about healthy nutrition for seniors. This project gained international exposure when featured in the Dutch news distributor ANP Pers Support. The Rotary Club of Aruba was proud to contribute to this project by donating the innovative Yalp machine to Club Kibrahacha 60+.

To realize the activities of Club Kibrahacha 60+, the foundation largely depends on the help of volunteers. The volunteers belong to 6 different units covering specific tasks that together form the services of the center. The 6 units are:

CUSTOMER SERVICES

**ENTERTAINMENT
& INTERACTION**

PARTY & EVENTS

HEALTH & SPORT

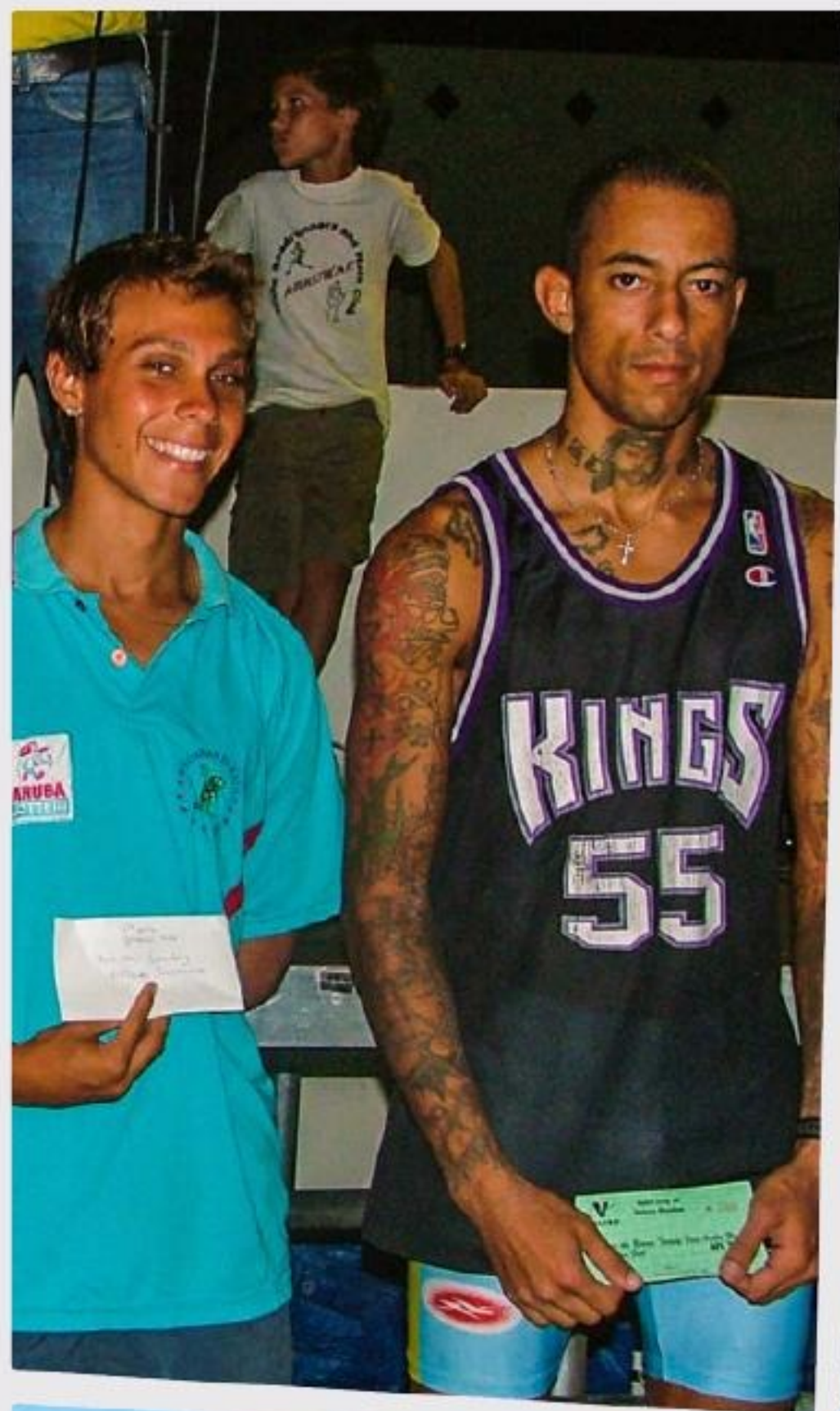
**EDUCATION & PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

FUNDRAISING





In addition to the funds received from the foundation's own fundraising events, Club Kibrahacha 60+ continues to receive financial support from the Rotary Club of Aruba as well as from CEDE Aruba. Such secure contributions enable the investments that ensure the sustainability of this important foundation in the community of Aruba. To this day, Club Kibrahacha 60+ continues to be the Rotary Club of Aruba's main project and contribution to society.



**MHE ROTARY CLUB OF
ARUBA RECEIVED AN
AWARD BY IBISA WHO
RECOGNIZED OUR CLUB'S
EFFORTS IN STIMULATING
PEOPLE TO BE ACTIVE AND
LEAD A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.**





• *Colegio Arubano Sociaal Fonds.*

Colegio Arubano is the highest variant of secondary education on the island of Aruba. In the early 80's, a few teachers of the school noticed that some students were unable to perform in class due to lack of financial resources. Some students had to even skip classes or dropout because they had to work to contribute to their households. To help students in this situation, the teachers of Colegio Arubano united to establish a foundation. The aim of the Colegio Arubano Sociaal Fonds is to support students who are unable to pay for school-related materials because their parents are financially incapable of providing these needs. By means of supporting these students, the foundation aims to help them successfully complete their studies at Colegio Arubano.

In addition to the monthly contributions of teachers and non-teaching staff of Colegio Arubano, the foundation also receives funding from companies as well as from the Rotary Club of Aruba. With these funds, the foundation helps the parents cover the costs of tuition, school books and materials and other school-related finances. In line with Rotary International's goal of Universal education, our club continues to be a proud supporter of this foundation.

Rotary 5K Fun Run Walk is an annual activity organized by the Rotary Club of Aruba to promote physical activity and health-awareness. The first 5K Fun Run Walk was organized on February 19, 2005. The event was initiated by Rotary's own Huub Driessen and Koos Veel, both avid runners and walkers. The participation varies between 120 to 400 people. Motivated by our own athletic members, an increasing number of Rotarians participate in the event every year. Every runner receives a T-shirt bearing the Rotary logo.

The event was initially held near the Palm Beach hotels and later moved to the hilly area of Santa Cruz. For the past two years however, the activity started at the Alhambra Casino, where participants would run or walk next to the Eagle Beach strip and return back to the Alhambra Casino. At the end of the event the winners of the different categories receive their medals provided by the non-profit organization Arruwac. In 2013, the Rotary Club of Aruba received an award by IBISA who recognized our club's efforts in stimulating people to be active and lead a healthy lifestyle.

• **Fundacion Autismo Aruba.** The Aruba Autism Foundation is one of the few organizations on the island that works specifically for the interest of people with autism, their families and caretakers. It was founded in June 2005, by parents of children with autism. After two board members had recurrent conversations about the lack of support for children with autism and their families, they decided to establish the foundation to help others in the same situation.

The official act by the notary was signed on June 22nd of 2005 by Mrs. Monique Coenjaerts (board member), Mrs. Dilma Arends-Geerman (secretary), Mrs. Marja Essed-Tromp (treasurer), Mrs. Monique Kuiperi-van Embden (president), Mrs. Rosana Peterson-Quandt (board member), Mrs. LL.M. Yahaira N. Croes-Maduro (candidate notary) and Mr. LL.M. Ralph. Yarzagaray (notary)

In August of 2006 the board was reinforced by two Rotarians, Dr. R. Bryson and Dr. K. Veel. As Bryson and Veel shared their involvement with the foundation, the Aruba Rotary Club recognized the need for such an organization on the island and we decided to extend our support. The Rotary Club of Aruba adopted the Aruba Autism foundation as one of the organizations to which we structurally subsidize.



• *Rotaract Aruba*

In the same spirit with which we developed our own project for the elderly, we wanted to create an own initiative for the young professionals on the island. We did not need to seek far for inspiration, as Rotary International's youth program Rotaract, had already been spreading among clubs worldwide. After Aruban Rotarian Dr. O. R. Wever visited the Rotary Club of Curaçao and witnessed the benefits of their Rotaract Club, he proposed to establish a community based Rotaract Club for our island as well.

Rotaract is an international organization of young men and women that foster leadership and build responsible citizens that encourage high ethical standards in business while promoting international understanding and peace. The name Rotaract is inspired by a combination of the words Rotary and action. Today, the Rotaract movement consists of 165.000 members in more than 7000 Rotaract clubs in 151 countries.

The Rotaract club of Aruba was officially established on December 1st, 1991. The purpose of Rotaract is to organize a variety of

projects and activities in the fields of professional development, leadership development and service. The club must ensure a balanced program and provide important experience and opportunities for the personal development of each Rotaractor. The Rotaract Club of Aruba is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Aruba. Currently, the Rotaract club of Aruba has 22 active members. In the past, the club has always had an average of 15 members per year. Under the guidance of the Rotary Club of Aruba, Rotaractors strive to achieve their goals of:

- developing professional and leadership skills
- emphasizing respect for the rights of others, and to promote ethical standards and the dignity of all useful occupations
- providing opportunities for young people to address the needs and concern of the community and our world.
- providing opportunities for working in cooperation with sponsoring Rotary clubs.
- motivating young people for eventual membership in Rotary.



MOTIVATING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY

Much like their elders, Rotaract accomplishes its goals through projects, seminars, workshops, meetings and of course by donating to local organizations. In line with Rotary International, the underlying purpose of their endeavors is service. Among service projects of the Rotaract club of Aruba are:

- **Back 2 School.** An annual program where members and volunteers prepare a day full of fun and educational activities for a selected group of children.

- **Un p'ami un p'è.** An annual program held in the month of December with the purpose of sharing with families in need during the Christmas time. The content of the program varies yearly and may entail donating baskets of long lasting goods to a number of homes or spending the day with children and giving them a gift from Santa Claus. This project reached a new record in 2013, when Rotaract delivered two food and beverages baskets to 240 families on the island.

- **Pasa pret cu Rotaract.** Held on International Children's Day, this project allows children to participate in different popular Aruban games and activities for free. The children who participate in all the games receive a gift.

- **You Inc.** Seminar is an annual seminar for young professionals, entrepreneurs and students of advanced studies. With a main focus on communication, the seminar covers the topics of Public Speaking, Personal Branding and Social Superpowers. Participants receive the opportunity to engage with prominent local and international speakers.

- **Donations.** Rotaract also supports various foundations and organizations including the Association of Diabetics, FUNARI, Ambiente Feliz, Cas Shabururi, Interclub Meeting District 4370, Job Market for High School students.



Hands-on

The Rotary Club of Aruba does not only donate funds to different organizations in Aruba. Occasionally, the Rotarians and the Rotaractors gather on Saturday mornings with tools, lumber, paint, and refreshments, to realize hands-on projects. Some of these undertakings include face-lifting schools, playgrounds, parks, buildings and beach clean ups. As one past president of the Rotary Club of Aruba once said "We are not just about writing checks as many believe, but we intend to carry out real service for the community."

Playgrounds and parks. The construction of playgrounds and the upkeep of parks often receives the attention of the Rotary Club of Aruba. We have built and maintained playgrounds in Dakota, Socotoro, Bushiri, Paradijswijk and Mabon. Our most significant playground and park project occurred in 2014 at the Parke Tiracochi in Savaneta. This park was managed by a foundation that was underfunded. As the Rotary Club of Aruba donated play-sets to this park in the past, we were familiar with the area. Upon noticing its deteriorating state, we decided to organize a clean up and complete refurbishment of the Parke Tiracochi. Over four Saturdays, Rotarians installed a new play-set, swept the entire area, dug up weeds, painted and tightened the bolts. We also received help from an American company that had sent their employees on an incentive trip to Aruba, where they had to participate in community service on the island as a team building exercise. With the support of the President's funds and the volunteers, we were able to revive this park for the children of the school and neighborhood.

Garden for Fundacion pa Hende Muhe den Dificultad is a foundation that offers support to women who have undergone physical abuse. Among endeavors by the foundation are raising awareness, providing networking for women, promoting new laws and/or changing existing laws and also providing shelter for battered women. In 2014, the foundation approached the Rotary Club of Aruba to assist in restoring their backyard. The large property was not being used due to the overgrowth of the trees. We received two big waste buckets from Aruba's Waste Management Company Serlimar, and filled both in one day. The director of the foundation was pleased with the result as the facility became more spacious for the women lodging at the facility.

Christmas lunch for Sonrisa. Sonrisa Aruba is a foundation that provides care and supervision to individuals who are intellectually and developmentally challenged. Once a year, on a Saturday afternoon in December, a group of Rotarians arrive at Sonrisa with a Christmas lunch and a musical band. The members and staff of Sonrisa enjoy a delicious

meal and dance the entire afternoon in celebration of the Christmas season. The Rotary Club of Aruba is proud to have organized this event for two consecutive years since 2014 and we plan to continue this tradition.

In addition to helping the above-mentioned organizations by means of funding and hands-on projects, Rotarians also serve as permanent members of some of these foundations such as YMCA, Club Kibrahacha 60+, Fundacion Autismo Aruba, as well as other foundations on the island such as FEPO (foundation for those with hearing impairment or hearing loss) and SMOA (foundation for secondary education).

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Meals On Wheels project

The Meals on Wheels project was initiated over 30 years ago by a group of volunteers consisting of members of the San Nicolaas Methodist church.

The aim of this project is to distribute daily warm meals to elderly people in need. Every day, about 80 fresh, home-made dishes are prepared in the Meals on Wheels kitchen. The ingredients of the meals are purchased by means of the financial support received from Rotary Aruba. The members of the project do not solely rely on funding from external parties to realize their goals. In 2014, the church volunteers raised a total amount of AWG 50.000,- to renovate and expand the Meals on Wheels kitchen. Rotary Aruba was inspired by the engagement of the members of the community and matched their dedication by donating an extra AWG 50.000 to realize the renovation of the kitchen.

The Meals on Wheels project was started over 30 years ago by a volunteer group of the San Nicolaas Methodist church. The mission of the group is to give a daily warm meal to elderly in need. The group prepares from their kitchen the meals and distributes them. About 80 meals are being prepared daily.

This group is receiving financial support from Rotary Aruba to buy all necessary food materials. Furthermore, in 2014 church volunteers contributed AWG 50.000, -, which Rotary doubled with a matching grant to renovate and expand the Meals on Wheels kitchen.



Notable events

When we are not organizing a fundraiser, donating money to the community or realizing our own projects on the island, we engage in Rotary's International activities by visiting or hosting the events.

District Conferences.

The Rotary Club of Aruba hosted a District Conference five times (1952, 1964, 1976, 1988 and 1999).

District Governors.

Two district governors were delivered by the Rotary Club of Aruba. Mr. Gustave Nouel was the first District Governor from Aruba and Mr. John Mansur was the Governor Elect.

District 4370 Seminar.

On March 23, 2015.... Guest of honor Mr. Gary Huang, Rotary International President.







Members

From the horse's mouth: interviews with past presidents. To date, the Rotary Club of Aruba has seen 77 presidents. An overview of these leaders is found in Table ...

1938	 F. S. Campbell	1977	 J. W. E. Eman
1939	 F. S. Campbell	1978	 J. O. Arends
1940	 W. C. Colby	1979	 H. Timmer
1941	 R. V. Heinze	1980	 E. F. Mansur
1942	 R. C. Carrel	1981	 S. Kan
1943	 J. E. Irausquin	1982	 J. O. Guastavino
1944	 F. J. C. Beaujon	1983	 J. R. Croes
1945	 L. G. Smith / H. Pari	1984	 P. W. Janssen
1946	 G. Eman	1985	 E. F. d'Arnault
1947	 P. Daws / W. Lampe	1986	 B. R. James
1948	 J. H. Beaujon	1987	 F. J. Tieleman
1949	 O. Mingus	1988	 H. G. Jansen
1950	 M. Viana	1989	 J. J. M. Mansur
1951	 C. H. G. Eman	1990	 O. R. Wever
1952	 B. Teagle	1991	 W. M. Jansen
1953	 P. Wurtz	1992	 A. C. Eman
1954	 J. G. de Castro	1993	 B. Reeve
1955	 F. W. Switzer	1994	 M. Croes
1956	 J. E. Dickie	1995	 D. Stowe
1957	 G. Owen / R. Robles	1996	 R. Sint Jago
1958	 R. Robles	1997	 E. Ruiter
1959	 W. L. Ewart	1998	 R. Speyer
1960	 H. Oduber	1999	 B. Carson
1961	 W. A. Murray	2000	 R. Bryson
1962	 J. J. P. Oduber	2001	 A. Nieuwmeyer
1963	 F. C. Donovan	2002	 R. J. Tjon Sie Fat
1964	 G. A. Oduber	2003	 Humphrey Theysen
1965	 M. Viana	2004	 Koos Veel
1966	 E. O'Brien / H. W. Trinler	2005	 Leon Hamers
1967	 G. P. van Dam	2006	 David Smith
1968	 J. M. Verdaasdonk	2007	 Bert Kamsteeg
1969	 M. S. Kuiperi	2008	 Orlando Hoevertsz
1970	 B. E. Nixon	2009	 Diego Fränkel
1971	 A. H. Raven	2010	 Rob de Zwart
1972	 Th. Blok	2011	 Francis de Windt
1973	 J. C. Stenfert Kroese	2012	 Frans Brinkman
1974	 E. de Veer	2013	 Danillo de Freytas
1975	 R. Mansur	2014	 Lufrido Croes
1976	 D. M. Leonard	2015	 Ravee Nandwani



CHARTER MEETING



ARUBA ROTARY CLUB
ARUBA, N. W. I.

Saturday, December 10, 1938

Arend Colony Club.



Newspaper columnist and PR mogul

Rona Coster

*conducted a series of interviews
with 13 past presidents.*



The documentation of their conversations provides insight into their experience leading the Rotary Club of Aruba for one presidential year. The never-before-published interviews are revealed below.



President:
Raymond Croes, Paul Harris Fellow
Presidential period: 1983 – 1984

*Raymond Croes, President 1984 - 1985, Paul Harris Fellow,
"Discover a new world of service."*

"I have been a Rotarian for 41 years, introduced in 1972 by founding member Manuel Viana. Naturally, I visited RCA before, escorting my father who was a member since 1938, and Viana's good friend. We enjoyed a Father & Son membership in Rotary, which at the time was unique and memorable. What I like best about the RCA is the four way test, and I adopted it in real life. In fact, my whole life is based on applying the four way test to all my activities. I also enjoy the fellowship, going to conferences and identifying new members, all hard-working, service-minded individuals dedicated to helping the community."

Raymond explains that Rotary was a bit stiff in yesteryears, a small community of men, not very open to change. The club was formal in language and dress code,

but it enjoyed a great spectrum of members, who represented the community. People from different walks of life found each other at Rotary, and helped each other, with the value of service above all.

The Rotary Club International was initially formed to help fight and eradicate polio. Politics were not so important and pervasive, at the time. Neither was religion. The club in Aruba used to invite political parties to speak, as well as leaders of institutions, allowing them to elucidate members or ask for help. The club also always, wholeheartedly, supported the Lions and the Kiwanis and regularly bought tickets to all their fundraisers, working on behalf of the common good.

According to Raymond the fellowship also comes with considerable personal challenges. For new members, the weekly attendance is difficult at first, because the club considers steady attendance very important. Today, the club understands occasional absence from weekly meetings, but members get charged the fee of attendance, anyway. Fellowship has a price tag, and the Rotarians realize that becoming a member is not cheap. Consequently, recruiting new members is not always easy because of the financial burden associated with the membership.



Raymond applauds the many changes introduced over the years, and in retrospect is pleased with the dress code modification, having ditched coats and ties, and abandoned smoking, which incidentally resulted in huge discussions. A major change which was discussed many times over was the admission of women to the club. It happened when the time was right, and the club is currently debating the use of the two official national anthems, the Dutch and the Aruban in meetings, as the island is no longer a Dutch colony, the question remains whether the Dutch anthem should be sung, or should matters be simplified with just one anthem as part of protocol.



Raymond shares that he was the first president appointed by acclamation, there were no elections, he was chosen to lead that year, and it is his view that every Rotarian is fit to carry out any position in the club, but it was his turn in 1984! As board member today, he continues to attend meetings, and actively participates in the 75th anniversary committee discussions, which organized the festivities commemorating the establishment of the club. He is also member of the bylaws committee, besides selling tickets for Fiesta Rotaria, working the book stand, the furniture stand or the second hand stand, or whatever is required.

As an example of this grass root approach to community needs Raymond recounts it was Eric d'Arnauld's idea to support Club Kibrahacha, and late the late Rotarian Ephraim de Lannoy represented the club on the Kibrahacha 60+ board. The facility offers a day time social center for the elderly, with bus pickups and drop offs, which is a huge success, and an asset to the entire community.

President:
Dr. Roberto Bryson

Presidential period: 2000 -20011

Rotary International theme: "Great awareness take action."

Roberto decided to join the Rotary Club in 1988. He came from school 10 years prior to that, after a decade of studies, and enjoyed settling down on Aruba with his family, dedicating much time to his many patients. But the quest for more persisted, and when he was invited to join the Rotary Club, he answered with great enthusiasm and has been a staunch supporter of everything the club does.

Helping the community, via the Rotary Club, he feels, is as good as being a physician, because it is satisfying and gratifying, that members can serve each other in more than one capacity.

Enjoying both ends of spectrum, Roberto has a thriving professional life and great interest in the Rotarians. Some of his favorite projects include the Kibrahacha 60+, which he believes in fantastic. And during his presidency members also performed hands-on community work by helping out a Kindergarten in Savaneta. One of the best club initiatives, he says, is the Back to School activity in conjunction with Roteract, where each August an outing for 40 underprivileged kids, is organized, serving breakfast or lunch, and handing out fully equipped school bags. Then of course the distribution of funds to charities is always moving and emotional. Robert believes that all human beings are here on earth for a reason, and one of them is to help each other and change the world, one day at the time.



"We changed some rules during my presidency too," he adds, "when the first woman was introduced, it was a major departure from tradition, and Avi Swaen, had the honor to pioneer that."

Fiesta Rotaria managed to raise more than one quarter of a million florins, that year, which presented a modest increase over the previous year, and has been increasing ever since. While the eradication of polio in India and Africa is the Rotary's main goal, the club Roberto explains, thinks globally, but acts locally, in a most effective manner.



President:
Alex Nieuwmeyer
residential period:
2001-2002

Rotary International theme: Mankind is our business

Alex joined the Rotary Club in 1996, upon the invitation of banker Bill Carson. It was also the year ladies were introduced for the first time. Members used to meet at the Red Parrot Restaurant at the Divi Resort and then the club relocated its meetings to the Divi Phoenix. Alex is proud to say that Divi Has been hosting the Rotary Club since 1998, uninterrupted, since the days of excellent President Ebo Ruiter.

During his time as President the world experienced the horrors of September 11th, and Rotary International was involved in a major way with the community recovery efforts. Aruba did its share as well, and during the club's Christmas event at the Red Parrot, an emotive memorial ceremony, was included in the program.

In general, events were well attended and well orchestrated during Alex's Presidency and he remained on the core team of food, beverage and catering, ever since, with Koos Veel as the party organizer, delivering a good time, time after time.

Alex's deep commitment to the YMCA is supported by Divi Resort's internal fund raising program which asks guests to contribute directly to that cause, one dollar per room. Guests are asked upon check in if their final invoice may be charged. Not surprisingly, most people say YES! According to Alex, the club is very fortunate to have that fund-generating vehicle as the YMCA does wonders for the community and it is truly a blessing, that the YMCA can be sustained it that way.

On a personal note, Alex reports that he enjoys visiting the fellowship overseas and attending an occasional conference. He applauds younger members and women members on their involvement and he fully supports diversity and the dynamic evolution of the club. With almost 20 years of community service on the island Alex is of the opinion that the Rotary Club is doing very well, and it's something to be proud of.





**President:
Koos Veel**

Presidential period: 2004-2005

Rotary International theme: Celebrate Rotary

Koos is proud to state that during his presidency, the meetings enjoyed the highest attendance percentage, with 66% of members present, year round. Some highlights of that year included the RI Centennial Gala in February, and a giant Fiesta Rotaria, in September, which he started working on in December of the previous year.

damage it caused, the Red Cross Aruba received a \$50.000 donation, and four of the island's playgrounds received a much needed facelift including the ones in Bushiri, Paradise, Savaneta and Mabon. "They called me the spending president after that," he banters, "having spent six figures on the upgrades."

With the intention to extend the club's reach the fellowship got more involved with other service club activities, and even produced an informative brochure about Diabetes, benefitting Club Kibrahacha. In the same spirit, Roteract was added to list of inter service clubs, and the Rotary fun run walk, was born, as an annual event.

As part of his responsibilities Koos also took time to register the Rotary as an official club, update the by-laws, the constitution, and the founders' names. That year's Ban Topa Bonaire & Curaçao, enjoyed more than 20 overseas guests. However, the controversial attempt to eliminate smoke, failed, it was successful later on, when the time was right, and Koos also reports being considerably preoccupied with the desire to "Younger" the club and infuse it with new generation members.

Other highlights of his presidency included the refresh of the drinking and driving road side warning, and the proper advertising efforts of Fiesta Rotaria.

According to Koos, the presidency requires two full days of work each week, and the support of all past presidents, regarding what's important, what should be changed. Other important elements are the program committee, the funds' distribution committee, public relations, and the selling of lottery books, which is always done best by the untouchable champion seller, Dr. Bryson.



Koos believes that the Monday meeting should always be fun. The beginning of the week presents great pressure at work, and members should look forward to unwind and relax at their club's weekly meetings. He also believes in a mix of younger and older member, of both sexes, required to create a positive vibe and effective chemistry, which is so important for the work-load ahead.

While most of the money raised goes to Kibrahacha 60+ and the YMCA, Koos always invited other organizations to present their cause and apply for funds in writing, with a proposal. A few years ago the club added Autism to its list of viable causes. Leo Hamers had the initiative and he successfully lobbied for consensus. **The Rotary Club of Aruba he concludes, in about brain power and not just about donations.**



President:
Leon Hamers
Presidential period: 2005-2006

Rotary International theme: Service above Self

The Rotary International had just celebrated its 100th year anniversary the year before his presidency, so it was a historical moment. In honor of that occasion, the club rebuilt four children's playgrounds, at Bushiri, Paradise, Savaneta and Mabon. The club enjoyed a record membership of sixty-six, and different organized activities were very memorable such as Ban Topa in Bonaire, in conjunction with the clubs in Curaçao and Bonaire. Fiesta Rotaria that year collected almost Awg 300.000, and the format of the Golf Tournament, became the annual template.

The phenomenal financial results allowed a donation to 22 charity organizations, and Leo reports to making his best to stick to the club's financial and business plan, to maximize the social impact, being smart about donations, and make the money stretch.

*According to Leo, all organizations accepting donations from the Rotary Club have to provide evidence of how the money was used if they wish to come back for another donation, the following year. And the list of recipients who qualified at the time included Club Kibrahacha, the YMCA, and the Autism Foundation, on board for the first time. **The club also supported social funds for Colegio Arubano, where teachers started a program sustaining underprivileged kids, Meals on wheels, Duna Man Pa Cria Nos Muchanan, funds for the eradication of Polio and more.** And while it's true that philanthropist Bill Gates now donates millions to the cause, Aruba joined the fight through Rotary international and sent money, receiving in return Rotary International recognitions.*

Having been with the Rotary Club for over 24 years Leo reiterates that it is better to contribute as a group, rather than as an individual. He enjoyed the networking with professionals and decision-makers, the inter-club relationships, the RoterAct Back to School project and the opportunities to mix and mingle with the Lions and Kiwanis.

The infusion of new blood is important, he believes, as RotarAct members between the ages of 18 to 34, always have the option to join the club and become Rotarians.

"We are a great organization," he states, "we visit ailing members, we organize interesting Monday night meetings -- Kos Veel infused special content into our Monday meetings with guest speakers and interesting debates -- and we care for each other. When I travel I enjoy visiting the service club overseas and host overseas visitors here. With the president as the motor and the members as wheels, the machinery works very well, across generations, with young and older members, we are very conscious how we conduct ourselves, making sure success follows."





President:
David Smith
Presidential period:
2006-2007

"Lead the Way, changing the world one act at a time."



"I believe the Rotary presidency is just like buying a boat, the best day is the day of purchase, then you realize it is hard work, and you have another great day when the next guy is sworn in. Relief!"

As the president of the Rotary Club David tried to mix fun and work. He left Aruba in 2008, after spending ten most enjoyable years at the club. He became president, just before leaving, it was his last hoorah, and he wanted to make the turn-over dinner, where outgoing and incoming board members change guards, into a party. It was a new concept, and when Oreo was introduced and members were dancing, it was a real moment of joy, David concedes.

As added entertainment a video was produced where Ron Speyer played the piano, and Uka Marchena who was a TV producer, sang. They practiced for weeks, a Frank Sinatra classic, and the video of "The way you look tonight," was unforgettable.

It was also a good year for Fiesta Rotaria, and the meetings in Burt's office prior to the event became a social exchange, not just a business meeting.



The club's transition to nonsmoking immediately after a cigar night at Divi Phoenix, was big news, no one ever smoked again at meetings. And the winds of change continued to blow when guay- aberas and linen suits were introduced, and mem- bers started having a choice regarding the dress code. It was a relief not to have to totally dress up every Monday night, David states. The golf tour- nament at the Divine Nine, the Divi golf course was most enjoyable, with Frans Brinkman and Gerald Luidens as organizers, it's always a success.

David admits he learned best practices from Koos Veel and Alex Nieuw- meyer, they were great presidents and following their footsteps, was not difficult, as they paved the way, and there were no big issues to discuss during his presidency.

In conclusion David reports it was a very smooth year, with a balance of older and younger members , under the slogan "Lead the Way, changing the world one act at a time."

**David Smith lives in San Antonio, Texas, today, working for an oil company, his wife Jane is still involved with HUCHADA, the family bakery on Aruba.*

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President:
Orlando Hoevertsz
Presidential period: 2008-2009

Rotary International theme: Make dreams real

During his presidency meetings were moved from Divi Phoenix to Windows on Aruba, then moved right back again once the renovations were complete. Younger members appreciated the more relaxed location for the weekly gatherings. Later on the Alhambra Ballroom became the new regular home of the Rotarians, where chef Gerard Coste contributes to Mondays' popularity, and kept members interested.

Orlando believes in shaking things up and re-examining old practices. As president he promoted physical exercise in the war against obesity. A whole plan was conceived and Dr. Bryson even charted a walking trail in the Bubali Plas, for exercise purposes. The fellowship worked on introducing food labeling, in order to influence the buying-decisions of consumers by revealing exact product content. It was an excellent project, but perhaps prematurely introduced.

As president, Orlando felt compelled to do something about a scary stat, claiming that 50% of the island's kids are overweight. He felt it was his responsibility, not the government's, to encourage sport, as simple as walking. As an aside, he watches with great pleasure the current development around the Linear Park and at Yaburiabri, realizing things are changing, even Kibrahacha +60 now boasts an outdoor gym which is frequently used by the members.

*Orlando also wanted to veer the Rotary Club into a fresh direction in regards to membership, and Joost Lomans helped greatly by adjusting the by-laws. **Traditionally, the Rotary Club in its former format only welcomed managing directors and owners - Captains of Industry - who worked hard and were in possession of exceptional skills and management ability. As the club loosened the grip of these old standards, it was able to welcome a new type of member, a younger and equally qualified one.***

Orlando reports that he started in July 2008, and the year flew by, to the end of June of the following year and the turnover dinner in 2009, at which time the club enjoyed a refreshed, more contemporary structure.



Both Fiesta Rotaria and the Golf Tournament delivered excellent results in those year, with more than a quarter million dollars, ten times the amount other district clubs usually collect. Gratefully, the fellowship was able to give seventeen donations to not-for-profit organizations which passed a close scrutiny.

Refuting the myth that the Rotarians are "old and lazy," Frans Brinkman introduced a hands-on project during his time as president, resulting in sweaty four weekends at Tira Cochi park, a refresh project which was a huge departure from the norm. It planted a seed for more out-of-the-box projects.

As for the future, Orland reports that the Rotary Club is currently evaluating its affiliation. Traditionally, the RCA belongs to the Venezuelan district and was offered conferences in that country which were filled with positive interchanges, which is not the case at the moment. The RCA and its southern neighboring district drifted apart and perhaps a vote is due to determine the next affiliation, perhaps with the Caribbean District, which seems a better fit.

There is always a great need to increase recruitment of members from RotarAct, into the RCA. They gain a lot of good experience at raising money at RotarAct and can put it to good use at RCA. Their Back to School and Christmas Basket projects had an excellent impact on our community.



**President:
Diego Frankel**

Presidential period: 2009-2010

Rotary International theme: The Future of Rotary is in your hands

"Mine was a dramatic year," Diego reveals, "with the devastating earthquake in Haiti, in February of 2010. We collected US\$60.000 immediately, and proceeded to mobilize for Fiesta Rotaria at the end of March. Obviously we have 30 years of experience with that, and during my presidency Wilfredo Croes was an excellent secretary which was helpful. Wilfredo prides himself on closed annual figures and audited results, so that we were completely up-to-date in that area. I feel it is always important to renew and refresh Fiesta Rotaria, and during my time we introduced a new feature, lottery sales, which were well-received. The day itself was very busy, I was coordinating the volunteers, including the Scouts, the Dutch Marine and Valero employees who all helped us raise a quarter of a million florins. Wrapping-up our annual activities, our Golf Tournament in November was a total success."

During his presidency, Diego reports, the club continued to meet every Monday, at Divi Phoenix. The closely-knit group of members often invited guest-speakers to the meetings, delivering addresses on relevant topics.

His goal for his presidency, he shares, was Membership plus One, looking to retain all 60 members, including five ladies, and recruit one more exciting new Rotarian.

Diego explains that while the Rotary Club originally set out to eradicate polio, and by the way Pakistan is still battling the virus - the fellowship now dedicates most of its time to community projects, caring for the elderly at Kibrahacha 60+, supporting the YMCA, relying on a list of regular activities to bring in the money.

Diego who was raised in the Netherlands and on Aruba has great memories growing up here, on the Lagoon in town, from the age of 6 to the age of 12. He made great friends here and is very fond of the people of his youth. Later when Fatum offered to send him back to Aruba he grabbed the opportunity. He joined Rotary in 2001, and became its president after attending a training seminar as President Elect. **He is pleased with the introduction of new young members, as new ideas mix with old values, and old customs, resulting in a conservative wing and a young wing, evolving side by side. "This is not an old boys club," he states, "and our dress code reflects it, we lost the suits and found mayaberas and a more relaxed networking and**



President:
Rob de Swart

Presidential period: 2010-2011

Rotary International theme: Building Communities, Building Continents

"The year 2010-2011," says Rob, "could be described as a difficult year in terms of membership retention. The net loss of members continued the downward trend of the previous two years. Only at the end of 2011 potential new members were scheduled for pinning and it was felt that the negative trend in membership had come to a halt. At the same time the trend was considered as a normal fluctuation, as important to watch, but not urgent to act upon."



The focus of this year was the improvement of member's fellowship via the organization of numerous team spirit activities, rather than the more familiar goals of increasing donations funds; the goal that year was to increase membership and other quantitative, measurable goals. "A successful club," Rob States, "starts with good fellowship, it increases motivation, participation, execution, and finally financial success."

Members' activities were, among others, running a soccer pool as a fun diversion during the world soccer cup in June-July 2010, a BBQ night on the beach, a guided nature walk in the natural Parke Arikok, partners' nights at other locations, and special evenings with the visit of Oscar Mendez, who was DG at that time.

Fellowship was definitely tested at the end of the year when our club was confronted with a government decision that our yearly Fiesta Rotaria could not be organized at our regular site anymore. As the date of the Fiesta Rotaria was approaching, we came close to a decision to skip that year's event. Finally, the Fiesta Rotaria was held at new site, next to Cas di Cultura. Although the net income of that annual fund-raiser was less than that of previous years, all members agreed that the Fiesta was a big success, in view of the changes and challenges, and ultimately gave a boost to members' fellowship.

The Fiesta Rotaria was preceded in November by the yearly Golf tournament. This fund raising event took place as scheduled, and resulted in favorable proceeds. Contrary to previous years, in which the donations were handed out during a regular RCA meeting, we decided

to get as close to the community as possible, this time, and picked the YMCA premises in Dakota. This choice was well-accepted and was obviously more accessible to invited organizations.

"On a personal note," Rob adds, "I enjoy the fellowship and the joint projects we undertook, in the spirit of "Small on talk, big on action." Besides taking care of the organization's annual report, the financials and our relationship with RI complying with the annual fees, I also enjoyed the interaction with members of other districts during my presidency, and our exchanges with the Lions and Kiwanis, in coordinating events and exchanging information so that all service clubs were successful in their charitable projects, which are spread throughout the year. We had no great issues to vote on during my time, we were not divide over district affiliation or dress code, or smoking, we had a great Fiesta Rotaria, a wonderful turn-over dinner in June which is one of two elegant dress up events, and a memorable Christmas gala."





President:

Danillo de Feitas

Presidential period: 2013-2014

Rotary International theme: Engage Rotary, Change Lives

"As the 2013 - 2014 President," says Danilo, "I was proud to be part of the 75th anniversary celebration. The RCA has a very successful history on this island and I was determined to continue leading the club to success."

According to Danilo, RCA's fundraisers have a positive impact on the community, but he felt that a real Rotarian also needs to roll up his/her sleeves. A great example for that was Tira Cochi, the Grasshopper Park, in Savaneta, completely rebuilt and refurbished as a hands-on projects, by RCA.

He personally enjoyed getting paint on his hands and sweat on his brow, working hard to accomplish a communal goal. And he pledged to continue his support of hands-on projects with the Rotarians and in conjunction with other service clubs.



The Tira Cochi park took 5 to 6 visits, and in that spirit, if RCA undertook large projects in coordination with other clubs, it could accomplish much more. RCA also refurbished the Paradisweg children playground, and cleaned the one at Bushiri, installing more durable equipment, courtesy of Kooltemp, who made some new indestructible slides for the kids.

"In principle," Danilo adds, "the YMCA gets a great portion of our funds, and also ongoing attention, with Rotarians on the board of directors. This partnership results in a sense of accomplishment, as we know how the money is spent. The same applies to the Kibrahacha 60+, and incidentally, my dad was one of the members, where RCA decided to dedicate funds and energy to run a first-rate program for the elderly."

Danilo explained that his goal for his presidency was to celebrate RCA's anniversary in a memorable, dignified way. He was pleased to report that the district governor came to Aruba for the incoming president's training, in addition to members from Bonaire and the two clubs in Curaçao. RCA also organized a number of big events all leading to the gala in October, which hosted RI's Gary Haung, as keynote speaker. His vision, Danilo concludes, was reflected in these visits, as he aimed at more inter-island and inter-service club collaborations, and more hands-on projects.



President:

Reuben J. Tjon Sie Fat

Presidential period: 2002-2003

Rotary International theme: Sow the seeds of love

Ruben joined the club in June of 1991, and was an active board member for six or seven years, and the club secretary twice. He became President in 2002-2003, a position which he feels matured and enriched him considerably. He calls himself an old fashioned rotarian, and recognizes his duty to help his community, and render service with pleasure and enthusiasm, which consequently delivers great success.

Reuben describes his RCA experience as exceptional, filled with unforgettable moments. He remembers his early years in the club, the various positions he held, and later the President's training, by visiting instructors from other districts. He recalls being pinned President, working hard to meet RCA's goals, and then stepping down with a sense of pride coupled with relief. As President, he banters, you are very fortunate if you conclude your time with the club intact, the way you found it. "I stepped down," he explains, "with gratitude and pride, having done my best, in office."

He also forged great friendships at RCA and in the districts, and he reports he enjoyed not talking about medicine during meetings. "It is a great diversion, he states, the fact that our focus is on our community and not on our own professional lives."

Of his twenty-five years of membership, twenty-three enjoyed perfect attendance, as Ruben never missed a meeting, and has always given RCA top priority.



President:
Bert Kamsteeg

Presidential period: 2007-2008

Rotary International theme: Rotary shares



"The two highlights of my time as President," says Bert, "were the results of Fiesta Rotaria, with net proceeds of Awg 276,000, and the fact that we installed two new members."

Bert explains that the weekly club meetings create unity and comradeship, but also present personal challenges. As President he set out to improve attendance percentages by making the meetings more interesting and attractive, with the emphasis on culinary excellence and wine.

As President, Bert also enjoyed breaking the confines of the island's isolation by reaching out to the United Nations, and attending Rotary Day there, with more than 1,000 Rotarians from around the globe who come together each year to inspire, educate, and gain insight into the relationship between RI and the UN.

During his presidency, the clients of Marie Stella received expensive state-of-the-art beds, and the RCA evaluated many requests for funding of meaningful sustainable projects. As President he always welcomed tourists to the meetings, and when travelling himself, made sure to visit fellow Rotarians in other countries.

Fiesta Rotaria received amazing reactions from the business community during his tenure, resulting in a supermarket warehouse, sponsored tickets, supplies, and much more, which yielded the exceptional financial results.

Club members may uphold opposing political views, says Bert, but during the meetings the spirit of One Happy Island prevails. One subject which always provoked great discussions was the acceptance of women as members. The club did not accept females at the time, and the first one introduced, did not have the commitment it took, just fresh out of school. The issue was controversial, the club was not ready and at the end, it happened by itself, naturally, when the time was right. Bert is quick to reiterate that incidentally, the Quota Club doesn't accept any men, to this day.

In general Bert believes, there should be a solid business commitment to the Rotary Club otherwise it becomes a burden. Naturally, the payoffs are many as the networking opportunities are invaluable, and the club offers an excellent way of doing something for the community in an organized, enthusiastic framework.



Honorary Members.

Honorary membership is the highest distinction that a club can bestow on Rotarians. The honor is granted as a distinction for meritorious service that embodies Rotary ideals or for permanent support of Rotary's cause. Honorary members are exempt from paying admission fees and dues.



Eric d'Arnault



Jean (John) Mansur



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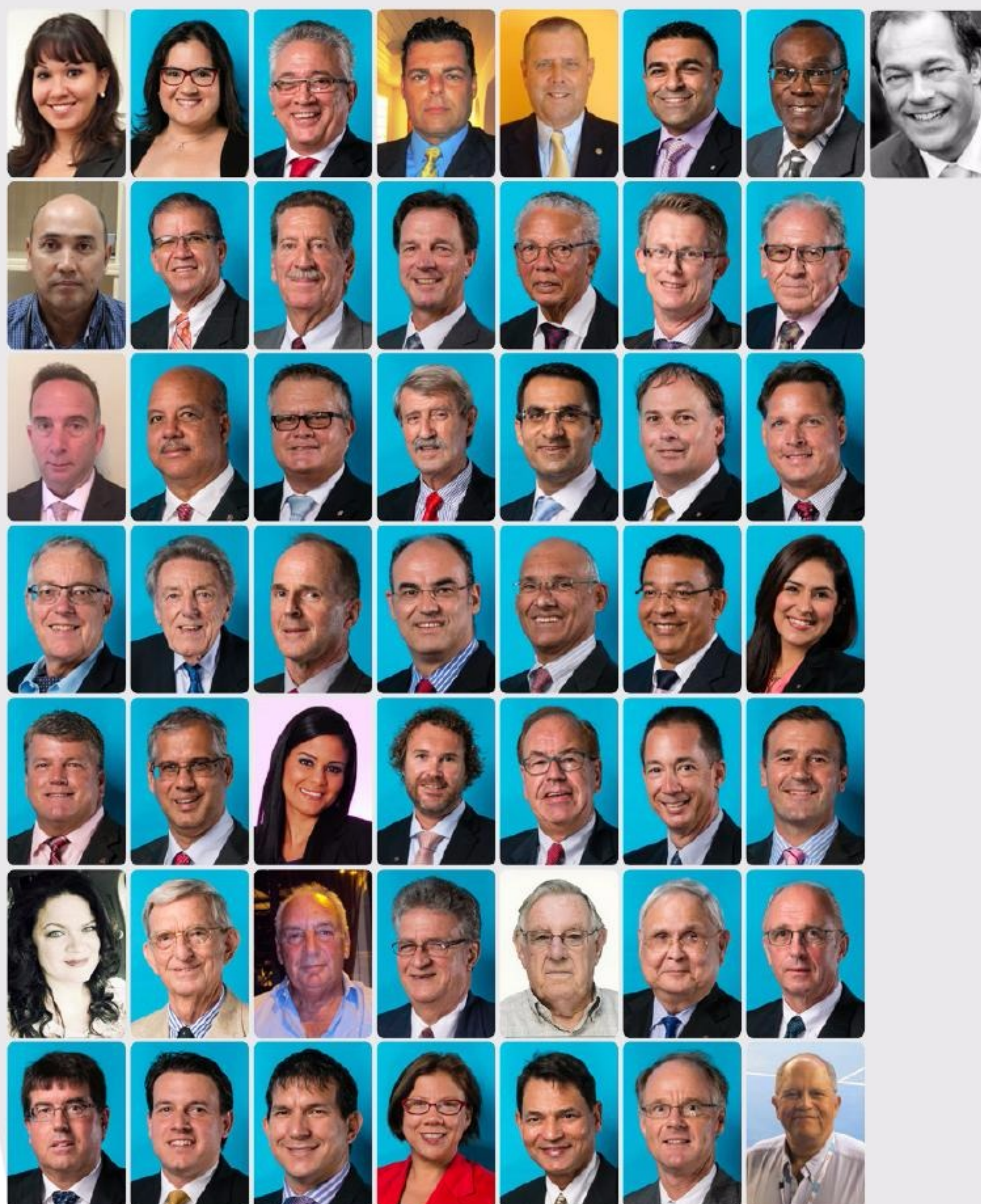
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Active **Aruba** Rotarians

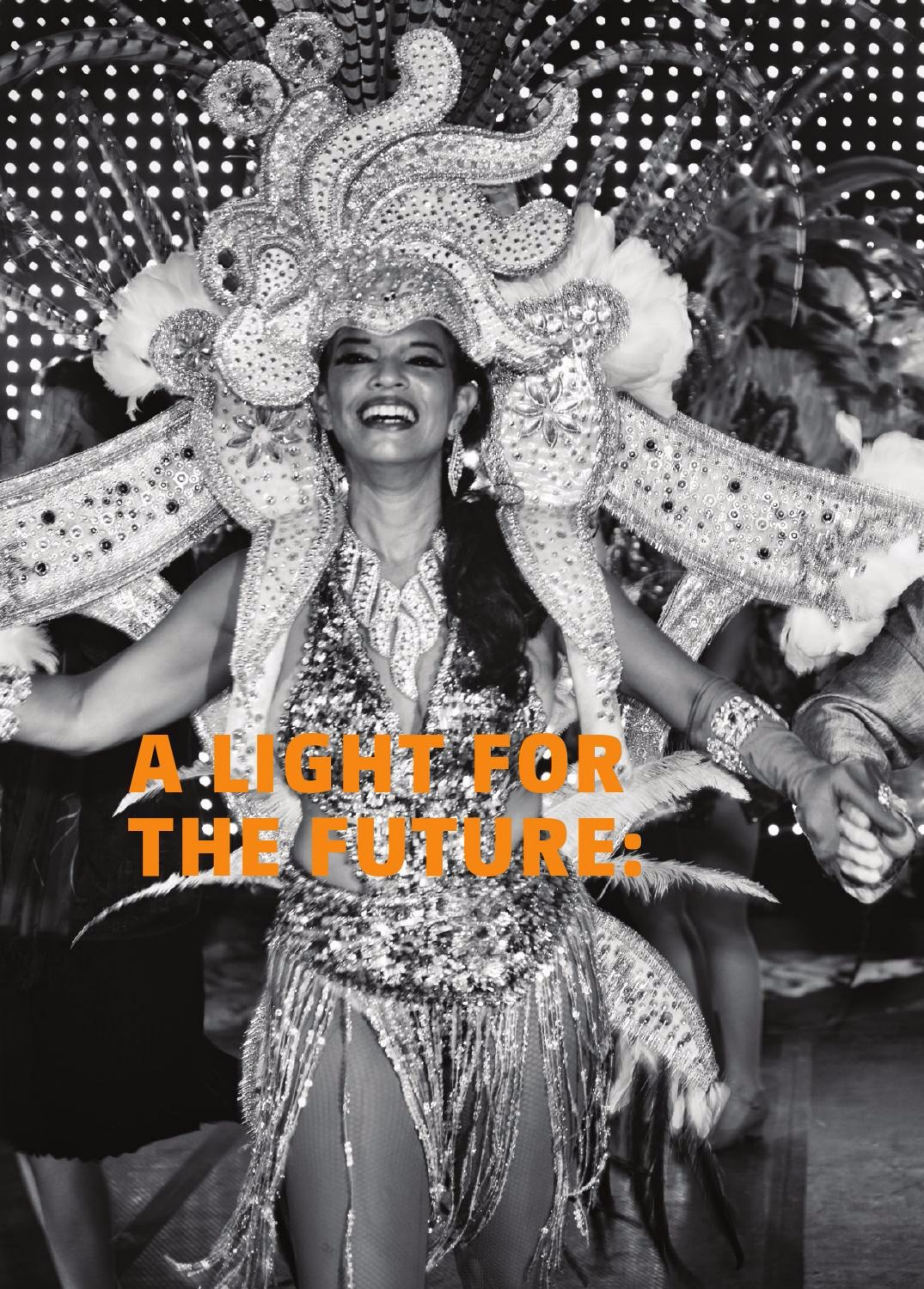
Presently, the Rotary Club of Aruba has 48 active male and female members. Indeed, Rotary clubs worldwide were male only until the 1989 Council on Legislation voted to allow women to become members. However, it was until the year 2000 that the Rotary Club of Aruba welcomed its first female Rotarian in the name of Mrs. Ivy Swaen. Prior to becoming a member of the Rotary

Club of Aruba, Mrs. Swaen served as the first president of the Rotaract Club of Aruba. Today, the Rotary Club of Aruba is a melting pot of different people from different lines of work. Many Rotarians have followed in the footsteps of their family members and are relatives of Ex - Rotarians and our founding fathers. A number of Rotarians joined the club after serving in the Rotaract Aruba until reaching the age limit of 30. The faces highlighted in this section are professionals, they are colleagues in service and they are a group of individuals with utmost mutual respect, friendship and care for each other. It is with this strong bond of understanding that they invest their free time to activate Service above Self on their beloved island of Aruba.









**A LIGHT FOR
THE FUTURE:**



The visit of Rotary International **President**

Our 75th year anniversary culminated in a bright light with the visit of 2014-2015 Rotary International President Mr. Gary C. K. Huang in March 2015. Our club invited Mr. Huang to be part of our 35th annual Fiesta Rotaria and host a Rotary Community day on the island. —more info coming

We were thrilled to learn that Mr. Huang's visit to the Rotary Club of Aruba was featured in Island Temptation, one of Aruba's most highly distributed magazines. Island Temptation's co-founder Tina Causey-Bislick wrote a vivid account of the events surrounding this visit.





Small Caribbean island produces big results



IT'S A TINY DOT ON THE GLOBE—A MERE 75 SQUARE MILES OF LAND-MASS POSITIONED IN THE SOUTHERN REACHES OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA.

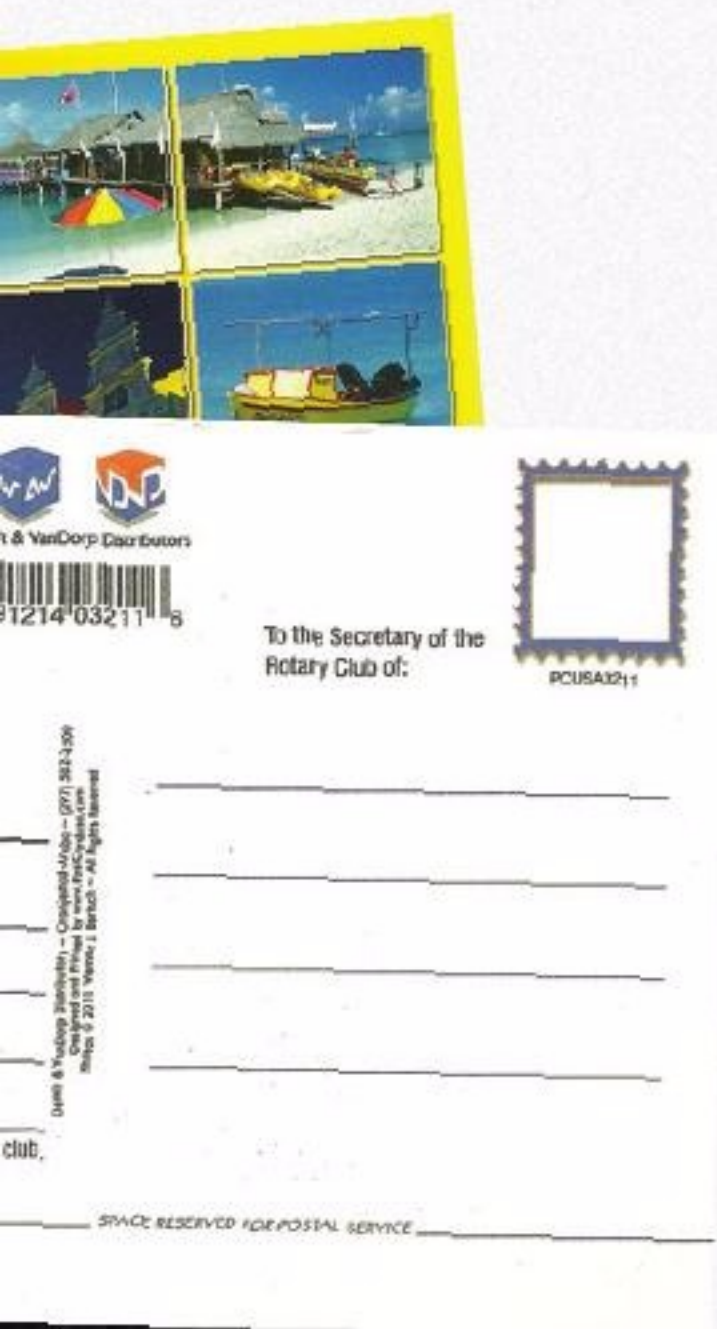
The island nation of Aruba, with just over 100,000 residents, is where the sun shines nearly 365 days a year over pristine beaches skirted by the Caribbean Sea. But Aruba's most valuable resource is not the sun, sand, and sea—it's the people. Known as "One Happy Island," Aruba has a local population comprised of some 90 nationalities, making it rich in cultural diversity and heritage. In some communities, cultural differences can prove to be divisive, yet in Aruba, differences are welcomed and embraced. The sense of community one might find in a small town is prevalent here, paving the way for successful results in charitable endeavors and fundraising efforts. This sense of community was on full display this past March 29, when the Rotary Club of Aruba hosted its annual Rotary Day, known locally as Fiesta Rotaria.

Fiesta Rotaria has found a permanent place on the Aruban calendar as an annual event that locals have been looking forward to for the past 35 years. Aruba's Rotarians (53 members currently) were joined by a small army of volunteers ranging from family and friends to local scouting clubs and students. "An event of this magnitude is not possible without volunteers from our community," explains local Rotarian Bert Kamsteeg, "because the infrastructure of the event requires hours of physical labor the day before the event to set everything up, from the grandstand and seating in covered areas for shade, to the games and sales booths. We need large numbers of volunteers who believe in our project and our organization. It is difficult to describe the feeling you have when you see so many in the community standing side-by-side, sweating it out together under the hot sun with the same goal."

The marketplace environment of Fiesta Rotaria allows for fundraising through a number of platforms, including a market of goods (donated by individuals and local businesses), food and beverage sales, and raffles. Live music and performances by local entertainers, as well as an area with activities and games for kids, help to keep visitors to Fiesta Rotaria engaged and actively spending money throughout the day. "Arubans love a good deal almost as much as a party filled with music, food, and drink," says Mr. Kamsteeg, who also points out that some folks began lining up at 4 am to have the first choice of items for sale in the market.



Ye Olde Shopping
c.1930



Rotary International president Gary Huang, who was visiting Aruba for his second time, was impressed with the scope of the project. "Each country has economic differences and it's hard to compare Aruba's Rotary Day fundraising results with other countries; success is measured by comparing the previous year's fundraising results with the current year," informed Mr. Huang. "To see Aruba's Rotary Day attendance and revenues this year increase by close to 30% is inspiring," he shared. Indeed, this year's Fiesta Rotaria saw marked growth in attendance, with an estimated 10,000+ guests, and a figure of approximately \$200,000 raised.

Funds raised from this event, as well as from the club's annual charity golf tournament, are funneled back into the community. One of the local organizations that benefits from these fundraisers is Sonrisa, which assists intellectually and developmentally challenged individuals. To date, Aruba's Rotary Club has supported Sonrisa through contributions to the facility's operational expenses. "Our next step, together with the support of Mr. Huang and the international Rotary community, is to help construct larger, improved facilities for Sonrisa," says Mr. Kamsteeg. Mr. Huang, who had the opportunity to tour the Sonrisa facility and speak with staff and residents during his visit to the island, recognized the need for facility improvements and is hoping to receive additional support for Sonrisa on an international level.

During his visit on the island, Mr. Huang also met with Aruba's governor, Fredis Refunjol, who has been an honorary Rotary member for many years. Mr. Huang was also the keynote speaker for a seminar held for local and visiting Rotarians. The seminar themes included how to be a better Rotarian by daring to be different, the importance of Rotary to small island communities, and how to stimulate each other to be better Rotarians. Members of several other chapters in the region, including chapters from neighboring islands Bonaire and Curacao, Panama, the Bahamas, and Venezuela, attended the seminar.

Aruba's Rotarians were thrilled to host Mr. Huang for this unprecedented second visit in less than a year. "I came here last year as president-elect during the celebrations of Rotary's 75th anniversary on the island. At that time, I met with Aruba's prime minister, Mr. Mike Eman. We both made a promise to each other: I said if he would become a Rotary member, I would return for the next Rotary Day...we both kept our promise!"

- Tina Causey-Bislick,

Island Temptation

Notes **to self**

ROTARACT HANDS ON:



Beach clean ups. In 2014, Rotaractors joined the annual National Coastal Beach Clean Up organized by the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association. This national clean up day does not only engage the locals in preserving their environment but invites visitors interested in enriching their vacation by joining the voluntourism initiative.

Library for Casa Cuna. In 2015, Rotaract Aruba built a small library for the Casa Cuna Progreso Foundation. The organization is a children's home that provides care to children ages 0-6, who are experiencing a crisis situation in their family such as educational or emotional neglect, abuse, behavioral or emotional problems.

Members section accumulation

In Rotary the period began with not too much activity. Everything seemed comfortable as we began the 80's?. The club had a high 64 members. The economic developments that followed would see this membership eventually fall into the 30's. It is worthy to note that at the time of this publication the Rotary Club is back up to 48 members and is financially stronger than any time in its 60 year history.

During the years 1996 and 1997, Rotary International voted for the amendment of the club's constitution to allow women to become members of Rotary. This has been the case for many years in Rotary Clubs around the world, with women holding many important Rotary positions. However, it was until the year 2000 that the Aruba Rotary Club welcomed its first female Rotarian in the name of Mrs. Ivy Swaen. Mrs. Swaen wasted no time upon being initiated and became the first president of the Rotaract Club of Aruba.

Rotary clubs were male only until 1986: these days most clubs accept women and men on an equal basis (the first women members of the Rotary Club of Aruba were installed in the year 2000.

Today, Rotarians belong to a Rotary Club, which has a Board of Directors elected by the members themselves. The Clubs are grouped in Districts directed by a Governor. The Districts in turn, are grouped in the following geographic zones:

USCB: The United States of America, Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico

GBEI: Great Britain and Ireland

CENAEM: Continental Europe, North Africa and Eastern Mediterranean

SACAMA: South America, Central America, Mexico and the Antilles

ANZAO: Australia, New Zealand, Africa and other surrounding countries not grouped in other zones

ASIA: Add the countries(china does not have because politics)





Each zone is coordinated by a Director who belongs to the Board of Directors of Rotary International. The headquarters of Rotary International is located in the United States, in the city of Evanston, Illinois – where the General Secretary's office is also situated. The officers of Rotary International are elected during the Annual Convention. In addition to the officers, a legislative body has also been developed. This group meets every three years and can be described as a sort of Rotarian Congress or Parliament who makes decisions that will rule the corporation. These meetings are called Council Legislation. Another important gathering is that of The International Assembly. These meetings function as a school, especially for District Governors elect, the Board of Directors of Rotary International and some other persons designated by same. The slogan of the International Assembly is:

“Come in to learn, come out to teach.” Rotary's general administration is financed by the contributions of the Rotarians, who pay a small due per capita every month and also by the income produced by dividends on investments in high-yield and sound securities.

The above-described activities are regulated by covenants that form the Constitution and By-laws of Rotary International and of each of the associated clubs. The Board of Directors of Rotary International also dictates, when convenient, certain procedure regulations, as long as they do not affect the By-laws – which may be amended only by the Council Legislation. A summary of all these provisions can be found in the Manual of Procedure.

The Significance Of **Rotary**

AS ROTARIANS WE ALL SHARE A COMMON BOND OF IDEALS. WE ALL WANT THE SAME THINGS. GOOD FRIENDS, A PEACEFUL WORLD, GOOD HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED, AND FRIENDS WHO OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT FOR IDEAS TO HELP MAKE OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

Officially, Rotary is defined as a worldwide organization of business and professional men and women,

who have come together to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

A Rotary Club in a community is composed of those business and professional men and women, who have accepted the ideal of service as a basis for attaining fulfillment in their personal, professional, and community lives. Rotarians do not expect any personal glory for Rotary; rather, they profit through the fulfillment of knowing they have been of service.

The ideal of service is exemplified in the Rotary motto "Service Above Self", which is the thread that runs throughout the Rotary world and unites like-minded men and women in thought and action, no matter what part of the world in which they live.

Rotarians believe that the universal application of tolerance and friendliness will bring about the international peace and progress through togetherness so earnestly desired by everyone. Paul Harris, one of the original four founders of Rotary, once said, "Rotary is a miniature model of a world at peace, one which might advantageously be studied by nations."

The widespread endorsement of Rotary in countries all over the world attests to the organization's universality and proves its principles have the vitality and appeal to surmount differences of race, color, creed, language, and geography.

Rotarians see the need to be an asset of society with their creativity and their integrity.

Whether your hopes for a better world concern your local community, your district, your country, or the world, Rotary and its fellowship of like minded men and women help to make the world better.

The future of Rotary is shaped at the level of each individual Rotary Club working, not only autonomously but also in cooperation with other clubs and districts, to do what is necessary in the broad areas of our world's greatest needs, which we as Rotarians have recognized as being water, health and hunger, and literacy.

All Rotarians are building upon the generations of past Rotarians, and so we recognize The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands as a present day Rotarian.

This is the significance of Rotary, and this is why you should put life into Rotary by putting your life in Rotary.

Diego, may your year as President bring further life to the significance of Rotary. Congratulations.

Presented by: William E. Galloway | International Service Director| Rotary Club of Weirton, West Virginia
Upon the inauguration of Diego Frankel As President of the Rotary Club of Aruba June 24, 2009

There are some 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are non-political, non-religious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917, its mission "to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty".



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